

Final BULLETINS

Vancouver Dimout Hoisted to Jan. 31

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dimout of Vancouver street lights will commence about Jan. 31, a special civic committee decided after hearing W. C. Mainwaring, chairman of the provincial A.R.P. committee, discuss their opposition to such a measure.

The original plan to shield street lights Jan. 15 was dropped after City Electrician Thomas Martin had explained it would require 40 days to paint on dimout masks.

Limit Beer Sales

B.C. beer parlor operators were advised today by the Liquor Control Board that effective tonight, bottled beer may not be sold for consumption off the premises after 6:30 p.m. nightly.

Ontario Cuts Down

TORONTO (CP)—New restrictions on liquor sale in Ontario, including an eight-hour day for liquor stores and discontinuance of single purchase liquor permits, were announced today by Hon. A. St. Clair Gordon, chairman of the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

4 Die in Chicago Fire

CHICAGO (AP)—At least four persons lost their lives and five others were burned severely today when fire swept through a five-story brick building housing the West Hotel at 802 West Madison Street, in the Madison-Halstead Flaphouse district.

B.C. Flier Prisoner

VANCOUVER (CP)—An R.C.A.F. casualty list issued this afternoon states Flt. Sgt. Nathaniel McClure Halliday of Vancouver is a prisoner of war.

Prepare for Battle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Allied and Axis armies alike continued to move up materials today through sporadic rains for a renewal of the Battle of Tunisia, while the R.A.F. and the U.S. Army 12th Air Force pounded out a week of heavy pounding of German communications.

To Moan Till Spring

VANCOUVER (CP)—Residents of this city who complained of air raid sirens moaning faintly but continuously during the night were advised by A.R.P. officials today they would have to endure the noise until spring. The sirens will be kept turning at slowest "idling" speed 24 hours a day during winter to safeguard against possible stiffening of lubricating oil in the cold.

3 More Axis Ships Sunk Off Tunisia

LONDON (CP)—British submarines destroyed three more Axis supply vessels on the Tunisian sea route and damaged another, the Admiralty announced tonight.

One of the sunken supply ships "blew up with such force that an escorting enemy aircraft was disintegrated," the Admiralty said. The announcement paralleled a similar one Friday in which the Admiralty credited submarines with probably sinking three enemy supply ships, and followed a statement by Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Allied naval chief in north Africa, that the enemy is losing an average of a ship a day trying to keep his forces supplied in Tunisia.

Extra Christmas Liquor

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—There will be extra Christmas cheer for Washington's hard liquor users, the Washington State Liquor Board announced today. During the four-day period beginning Monday, purchasers will be allowed an extra ration—or up to a total of one quart and one-fifth.

Murder Charge

SOLVAY, N.Y. (AP)—Carano, an Italian, today was arrested and charged with murdering his wife during an early-morning argument in a railway depot here. Mrs. Carano was stabbed to death. Carano was arrested when he went to the home of Constable J. M. King of the Provincial Police near the station. He is held in the local jail.

Wavell's Army Invades Burma; Japs Flee

British 8th Army 19 Miles Off Sirte

By LEWIS HAWKINS
LONDON (AP)—The British 8th Army chase of Nazi Marshal Rommel's retreating army rolled swiftly westward today and the Morocco radio reported that vanguards of the pursuers were within 19 miles of Sirte, 155 miles beyond El Aghella, starting point of the current drive, and only 240 miles from Tripoli.

The British communiqué said only that Axis forces continued their flight Friday on the road to Tripoli under day-long ground and air blows.

The only gauge of the speed of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's forces was that the enemy had abandoned Zalta en Nofilla, 100 miles airline west of El Aghella, and that Allied air forces had moved to an advanced base in the Sulta area more than 30 miles farther west.

Heavy Fighting As Rearguard Caught

The Morocco broadcast said advance units of the 8th Army had been in heavy fighting Thursday with Rommel's rearguard 55 miles west of Zalta en Nofilla.

Across the enemy's narrowing foothold in north Africa the increasing fury of the Allied air attack on Axis strongholds in Tunisia and widespread patrol probing all along that hilly front in improving weather suggested the all-out Allied drive on Tunis and Bizerte may be near.

The Italian communiqué, still reporting the Fascist retreat only by implication, said that "the enemy, who had been extended in fighting, during which he lost a further 21 tanks, did not exert great pressure against Axis troops Friday" and they "still carried out their pre-arranged moves."

This suggested Rommel was keeping ahead of the British forces, putting out feeble rearguards and still avoiding battle as far as possible. The British communiqué made no further report on the cut-off Nazi forces boxed in between the Wadi Matruh gulch and Marble Arch, now far behind the westward moving front.

Previous reports had indicated, however, that the fighting there was ended with a considerable part of perhaps 10,000 enemy troops and many heavy weapons.

The Desert Fox



Major Air Battle Over Stalingrad; Red Army Holds

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW (AP)—Major air battles were fought on the Stalingrad front today as the German air force sought to relieve the hard-pressed Nazi army between the Don and Volga rivers with mass bombings, while all along the battle line German troops were reported counterattacking bitterly.

Evidencing the extent of Russian successes, Soviet newspapers carried striking pictures today from the battlefields southwest of Stalingrad, showing huge areas of the steppe country littered with captured German tanks, automobiles and trucks.

In one picture the captured tanks were banked solidly for a quarter mile. Many appeared to be in serviceable condition. A field of seized trucks looked like a massive junk yard.

This extensive booty fell to the Russians as they hurled back the Nazi counteroffensive the past week.

RUSSIANS TAKE HEIGHT

Near Velikie Luki on the central front, only 90 miles from the old Latvian frontier, the Russians reported they had captured a strategic height from which new operations could be launched.

Red Star, the army newspaper, declared scouting operations against a "large enemy stronghold" on the central front revealed the Germans were forcing civilians to work on the new fortifications under muzzles of sub-machine guns.

The German aerial blows failed to dislodge Red Army men from their positions, and their ground activity resulted in heavy losses to the Axis legions, the Russians said.

NO LET-UP IN CENTRE

Infantry and tanks were massed in the struggle southwest of Stalingrad, near Kotelnikovsky, with the Germans offering some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign, and there was no let-up in the bloody tempo on the central front, west of Rzhev and along the Rzhev-Vyazma railway.

The Soviet midday communiqué spoke of waves of German counterattacks, west of Rzhev, all of which were reported repelled, and on another sector of that battleground the Russians said their units stormed through barbed wire entanglements to the enemy's advanced positions.

50,000 Cigarettes

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP)—Prince Edward Island servicemen overseas will receive a Christmas gift of 50,000 cigarettes, donated by the provincial government. Distribution is being made by the Canadian Legion.

Movie Theatre Burns

MALDEN, Mass. (AP)—Two hours after a capacity "bank night" audience of 1,200 persons had gone home, a three-alarm fire swept through the Maplewood Theatre early today, causing damage estimated unofficially at \$40,000.

First Pictures From Toulon



This first photograph of the destruction of the French fleet at Toulon by its own crew members shows a German tank crew looking on helplessly from the dockside while a battleship, one of many prizes that slipped through Nazi hands, burns fiercely in the background. Photo was radioed from London.



Members of the gallant crews that scuttled their battle fleet rather than see it fall into Nazi hands are shown in custody of German soldiers as they were marched off to prison in Toulon. This first photograph of the Toulon incident to reach here was radioed from London.

4,000,000 Jews Marked for Death By Nazis, Says Soviet

MOSCOW (AP)—A special statement issued today by the Soviet Bureau of Information reported Nazi extermination of European Jews by tens of thousands and pledged: "Neither the Hitlerite regime nor the base executioners of its bloody orders will escape the vengeance of the liberated nations."

The statement referred to joint declarations by the governments of Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and others of the United Nations that proof of such crimes had been obtained and that the perpetrators would be punished.

"The cannibalistic plan elaborated by Hitler in the beginning of the current year provides for the concentration before the end of 1942 in the east of Europe, chiefly in the territory of Poland, of about 4,000,000 Jews for the purpose of murdering them," the statement said.

It said much of this slaughter had been accomplished. The Jews, the information bureau said, were mowed down by thousands with machine gun fire, and were put to mass death in gas chambers. Others, it declared, were executed by electricity, burned to death or poisoned.

"By such atrocities committed with regard to the Jews, and by all their fantastic propaganda of anti-Semitism, the Hitlerites attempt to divert the attention of the German people from the disaster which Fascist Germany, whose approach becomes ever more obvious," the statement said.

U.S. Bombers Blast Japs on Kiska

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army heavy bombers splattered Japan's base on Kiska Island in the Aleutians with explosives Dec. 17, causing heavy explosions and starting fires, the United States Navy Department announced today.

The bombing force was composed of Liberators, which attacked enemy shore installations, Dec. 18, army Flying Fortresses with fighter escort carried out two bombing attacks on enemy installations in the Munda area of New Georgia Island in the Solomons. Results of this attack were not reported, the communiqué said.

The raids on Munda carried attacks against Japanese air base threat to the American field on Guadalcanal Island through their ninth day.

The raid on Kiska was the first reported since Dec. 11, a lapse of six days presumably explained by the prevalence of bad weather in the north Pacific at this season of the year.

Bracken On Air

WINNIPEG (CP)—Premier John Bracken of Manitoba, newly-elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, is scheduled to broadcast over the CBC network from 5:05 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. P.D.T., Monday. Subject of his address has not been announced.

4 DAYS LEFT

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GREETINGS

Nazis Seize French, Force Them to Work In Plants in Germany

WASHINGTON (AP)—Germany has abandoned the pretence of seeking French "volunteers" to work in Germany since the invasion of unoccupied France and has begun taking men by violence, fighting French headquarters here said today.

Based on reports received from the "underground," the Fighting French said the men, principally between 20 and 30 years old, were seized in large numbers and transported to the Reich without notice and without opportunity to inform their families.

The seizures are made in the industrial centres of eastern France, frequently while the men are at work. As many as 35 per cent of the total force at some industrial plants have been taken at one time, the reports said.

So hard-pressed have the Nazis become for manpower, the reports added, that they have gone into French prisons and taken thieves and murderers.

While working in Germany is the ostensible purpose of the seizures, the Fighting French said, a second purpose is served by wiping out centres of anti-Nazi sentiment in French territory, as demonstrated by the fact that the men taken do not go immediately to jobs in Germany, but frequently spend weeks in German concentration camps.

Fewer Christmas Trees

HALIFAX (CP)—Nearly 1,000,000 Christmas trees were exported from Nova Scotia to the United States during the two-months' season this year, Chief Forester G. W. I. Creighton said today. This represents a reduction from other years of about 25 per cent.

March 40 Miles Across Border In First Drive

NEW DELHI (CP)—British troops have crossed the India border and advanced some 40 miles into Japanese-occupied Burma to the Maungdaw-Buthidaung area, about 60 miles northwest of Akyab on the Bay of Bengal, the British command announced today.

The advance, started after a terrific aerial bombardment of Japanese positions between the India border and Akyab, was made without opposition. Japanese forces withdrew before the approaching British troops, the communiqué said.

Both British and United States planes have been blasting Japanese concentrations between the India frontier and Akyab for a week.

SEIZE INITIATIVE

While there was nothing to indicate the British thrust was part of a general Allied offensive, the action did put the initiative in Allied hands at least temporarily for the first time since the Japanese occupied Akyab last May.

There was no indication of the size of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's attacking army, and the communiqué did not disclose whether U.S. and Chinese units were taking part in the action. Wavell, commander-in-chief of British forces in India, launched his attack—the first step toward the promised reconquest of the former British protectorate—as the monsoon season ended, permitting large-scale operations.

The monsoon period has held the India-Burma front in a state of stabilization for six months. There was no immediate explanation as to why the Japanese chose not to defend the positions they had built along the border.

DRIVE SOUTHWARD

"During the past few days," the communiqué said, "some of our troops have advanced southward from the Arakan border into western Burma and occupied the Maungdaw-Buthidaung area about 60 miles northwest of Akyab."

The British thrust obviously was aimed at Akyab, an important Burma port which was occupied by the Japanese May 8, winding up to all practical purposes the campaign in Burma.

For the second day in succession the Japanese-occupied village of Rathedaung, about halfway between Maungdaw and Akyab. Heavy damage was inflicted on the village and fires were left burning.

Fighter planes swept down the Mau River, searching out Japanese concentrations. The Mau flows into the Bay of Bengal a few miles north of Akyab.

Jap Pilots 'Green' Says Rickenbacker

WASHINGTON (AP)—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, back from a far-flung war survey, which brought him three harrowing weeks adrift on a liferaft in the Pacific, reported today that the quality of Japanese fighter and bomber pilots is "going down very rapidly."

In contrast, the veteran flying ace said, the level of the American fliers in the south Pacific "is going up."

"It is quite evident," he reported, "that the great majority of the Japanese pilots are inexperienced and green."

Of Guadalcanal, he said: "There I found a real hell hole—mud and corruption—if only the people back home could know what those boys are doing for us and putting up with, I think they would take this war more seriously."

He referred to complaints which he has heard since his return against gasoline and rubber rationing, saying they "seem ridiculous because you have seen what those boys haven't got."

Greeks Kill 60 Italians

NEW YORK (AP)—The Moscow radio quoted reports from Geneva today as saying Greek guerrillas had slain about 60 Italians, cut wire lines and blown up several trucks in a surprise raid in the Peloponnese district. The broadcast was recorded in New York by CBS.

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Vichy Anti-Jew Laws To Affect 1,500,000

LONDON (CP)—The Paris radio reported today that the French commissariat of Jewish affairs had announced drastic new anti-Semitic laws will be the basis of classification and 1,500,000 persons will be affected, it was said.

The provisions of the new measures include the internment of all foreign Jews, denial of civil rights to all French Jews and the annulment of naturalization papers held by French Jews naturalized since August, 1925. The wearing of the star of Zion will be made obligatory and divorces between Jews and Aryans will be facilitated, the radio broadcast said.

Special measures will be taken for persons who were war casualties or who rendered extraordinary service to the nation, it was reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion, tombola winners: Nos. 2298, 508, 1618, 2448, 1389, 2043, 1614, 893, 1987, 1196, 2655, 2310, 83, 944, 1267, 292, 2294, 1462, 1213, 1388, 1507, 641, 1970, 403, 2193, 9, 504, 2129, 1091, 35, 1301, 1682, 823, 941, 1182, 1112, 819, 1981, 2002, 2320.

Lake Hill Bowling Club Turkey Draw—Winning numbers: 633, 502, 61, 491, 514, 741; tombolas, 587, 134.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, announces that the afternoon services in this church have been changed to 7.30 on Sunday evenings and to 8 o'clock on Wednesday evenings, as formerly.

Good assortment Tooke blouses in stripes or plain colors. Helen Margo, Campbell Bldg.

On Jan. 9, 1943, the Boy Scouts will make a house-to-house collection of magazines for the armed forces and Merchant Marine.

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To Seek Successor To Bracken at Meef Of Coalition Party

WINNIPEG (CP)—A successor to Premier John Bracken as head of the Manitoba Coalition Government is expected to be named following conferences of members of the Legislature early next week.

Members of the Liberal-Progressive group, forming the largest group in the Legislature—25 members—will meet Monday night to discuss coalition problems and the premiership.

Following that gathering, the members will meet with Mr. Bracken, newly-elected national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Bracken is expected to ask the members of the Liberal-Progressive group to name a choice for Premier and he will recommend the man to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Stuart S. Garson, Provincial Treasurer, has been mentioned most frequently as Mr. Bracken's successor. But there also have been mentioned Hon. J. S. McDiarmid, Minister of Mines; Hon. Douglas Campbell, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. William Morton, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The Conservatives, headed by Hon. Errik Willis, with 12 members, will also meet Monday night, and the Social Credit group of three, under the leadership of Hon. Norman L. Turnbull, probably will confer here Monday.

Mr. Willis is Minister of Public Works and Mr. Turnbull Minister Without Portfolio in the coalition cabinet.

Both groups are reported to favor continuation of the coalition administration and ready to support Mr. Bracken's choice for Premier.

Gasless Folk Pack Trams, Trains, Buses In Eastern States

NEW YORK (AP)—Local public transportation facilities in eastern United States cities bulged today with what officials expected would be record numbers of passengers because of the suspension of gasoline purchases, and unnecessary riders were urged to stay home during rush hours.

A strap-hanger today was a lucky man. Most passengers considered themselves fortunate if they were able to force their way into public vehicles, much less have anything on which to hold.

In Washington, where the transportation system already was jammed by the war influx, there was talk of further staggering the hours of government workers and of dismissing schools early for the holidays as people jammed into car-loading stations and commuter bus terminals.

The Christmas shopping crowds increased the jam everywhere. Most suburbanites left their cars at home and found rail and bus stations crowded.

ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES

In its order issued Friday, the U.S. government shut off gasoline supplies to all noncommercial vehicles in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, except for emergency, military, preliminary to a new curtailment program to be instituted probably Monday.

Motorists holding A, B and C ratings are permitted to buy only one coupon's worth of gasoline to complete emergency trips.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson issued instructions that fuel be supplied to "workers in war plants where their transportation to and from work depends on their getting gasoline," and to physicians, mail carriers and others dependent on automobiles for essential occupations.

Says Tories Going 'Very Low Tariff'

COURTENAY, B.C.—N. W. Spinks, barrister, who with Ex-Magistrate Gordon Campbell of Fort Alberni represented the upper part of the island at the Conservative national convention at Winnipeg, returned here to announce that the party is going low-tariff.

Asked how it came about that the old-line high-tariff Conservatives from Ontario were Bracken's chief supporters for the leadership, Mr. Spinks said:

"They must know they cannot hope to dominate Bracken, so they were willing to accept a low-tariff man because they saw it was inevitable that they must and that the economic set-up of Canada must suffer a change, that there must be very low tariffs or free trade between the component parts of the British Empire and the United States."

Presents From Home



Like winter, Christmas comes early on this Russian front, where three women soldiers, foreground, and their men comrades, left rear, open boxes of food from home.

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press—War Analyst
CAIRO (AP)—The outflanking movement by Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery which cut off a portion of Marshal Rommel's rear guard is a grim reminder that the British commander is bent on the destruction of Axis forces rather than merely on the quick acquisition of territory.

"Annihilation" is a boastful term Hitler repeatedly has applied to these very same tactics, which he has used so frequently ever since the war started. It's the German thesis that the way to win wars is by killing the enemy on the battlefield. There's no use routing an army if it is able to reorganize and fight you again. That's sound logic, and the Nazi ruler cannot complain now when he has a dish of it thrown in his own face.

MADE THEM FIGHT

By his magnificent flanking operation Gen. Montgomery made part of the Axis army stand and fight. That is exactly what he wanted, and the annihilation of any part of these forces by death or capture would render any later defence by Rommel just so much more difficult.

The British commander again performed a hat trick, for this outflanking movement was no ordinary affair, but as difficult as one could imagine.

In order to keep out of sight and to preserve secrecy, the encircling troops actually moved with their equipment through preselected and dangerous gorges which had not even been fully explored.

I recently passed through similar wadis, and one feels like a fly crawling along the side of a canyon. The greatest credit is due the commanding officer of this unit and his men. It is a feat that long will be sung in Allied camps.

AIRMEN'S SUCCESS

British and American air forces, day and night, are bombing Axis air bases and transport lines on land and sea. Rommel's line of retreat is said to be strewn with dead and wounded, and shattered equipment.

More Volunteers

LONDON (CP)—The Dominions Office announced today the arrival at a British port of the 32nd contingent of Newfoundland volunteers. They were welcomed by D. James Davies, Newfoundland trade commissioner.

End of Hospital Ruse

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—Whether they like it or not some Londoners are going to the hospital. Favorite ruse to get a taxi is to call a cab for hospital and when the passenger gets in the car he gives another address. From now on fares go to hospital, say taxi owners.

German Exploitation of Occupied Europe

DAILY OCCUPATION CHARGES (approximate)	
FRANCE	\$4,286,000
NORWAY	\$1,073,000
BELGIUM	\$951,000
HOLLAND	\$1,253,000

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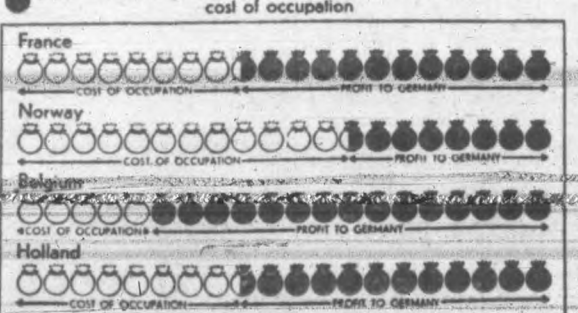


Chart released by British information services shows how the Nazis make an exorbitant profit out of the European countries they now occupy. According to The Hague convention, the only legitimate occupation costs are for food, clothing and transport, and 20,000 reich-marks a day per division would be considered adequate.

Cheminus Annual Produced as Usual

By KAY MCINTYRE

A full page of pictures highlighting life in one of the coast's chief lumber communities and another of cartoons are features of the 14th edition of Christmas annual published by the employees of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. at Chemainus.

Because the annual is looked forward to by former employees now in the services and also because it is the only publication of any kind emanating from Chemainus, the editors decided despite war conditions to go to press again this year. In order to conserve newsprint the issue is much smaller than in former years.

A list of company employees in the forces shows 138 names, one member having been killed on active service and 11 having been discharged. Girls from the store staff and from the office have also donned uniform. Shown on the picture page are girls who have since entered the services along with "two sea-going lumberjacks, Bobbie Hallberg and Ham Ballie Jr." newly enlisted in the navy.

Humor in the issue is topical, plentiful and original. For instance:

A lumber salesman, returning from a particularly unsuccessful trip, told his sales manager: "If Hitler still wants more territory, he can have mine."

And these: "Stalin is famous for his cavalry regiments; Hitler for his panzer divisions; Mussolini for his help wanted columns."

"German soldier's dream of a perfect war: Canadian food, Russian weapons and Italian opponents."

New Recorder For Test Flights Simplifies Task

DOWNEY, Calif. (AP)—He was a picturesque man, the old-time plane test pilot of fact and fancy, but his work is being stripped of much of its glamour and not a little of its peril by a device of wires, tubes and charts which will do most of his job for him, and do it better.

Vultee Aircraft Inc., after 14 months of experimenting, announced perfection of a radio flight test recorder, which will remove from the realm of guesswork into that of pure science the hazardous task of uncovering weak points in untried fighter and bomber airplanes.

From now on, when the untested plane is wheeled out to the flight ramp, it will be studded from stem to stern, and from wing tip to wing tip, with 70 radio pick-up devices. Every strategic part of the craft will be so equipped.

MESSAGES FOR ENGINEERS

And, when the ship takes the air, every one of those devices will be carrying messages of significance to a group of engineers in a laboratory far below, studying charts on which will be recorded the mechanical observations on the plane's performance.

Such factors as flutters, vibrations, stresses, strains, temperatures, speed and altitude will be duly inscribed for the engineers to study at leisure.

Thus on one flight will be provided an accurate mass of data which it might take a test pilot many hours of flying time to acquire. In some instances the device might save a year of engineering development.

Crashes can actually be averted by the flight test recorder. During a flight, the engineers, perhaps miles away, know more about the plane's performance than does the pilot, and can warn him by two-way radio of approaching difficulties.

Aerial Ambulances Planned by Kaiser

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser and the army medical corps are conferring on possibilities of air ambulances to carry wounded men from battlefields to base hospitals, or even overseas to the United States.

Brig-Gen. Fred W. Rankin, chief consultant surgeon to the army, said: "Mr. Kaiser hopes to build large planes for transporting troops overseas, and there he quickly made into ambulance ships to bring back wounded men. He is very earnest in this matter, and wants to get into production right away."

Rankin is president of the American Medical Association.

He Won Their Stripes

CHATHAM, Ont. (CP)—A recruit at No. 12 basic training centre of the Canadian (active) army here was so good at poker that he not only won all the money but stripes from tunic of noncommissioned officers. "Sad was he when a sergeant-major said he could retain the money but not the stripes."

Outline Rules For Settlement Of War Veterans

OTTAWA (CP)—Regulations to govern administration of the Veterans' Land Act passed at the last session of Parliament are promulgated in the week-end Canada Gazette.

The act provides for governmental assistance—partly in the form of a loan and partly as a gift—to veterans of the present war in the purchase of farm lands, small holdings and fishing equipment.

The regulations contemplate appointment of a director whose headquarters will be in Ottawa, regional supervisors in the different provinces, and regional advisory committees with the regional supervisors as chairmen.

A veteran wishing to take advantage of the act must first apply for a "qualification certificate," which will be granted if the regional advisory committee concerned considers him fitted by experience, character and habits to succeed in the undertaking for which he wishes assistance. Personal appearance of the veteran and his wife may be required by the advisory committee.

No qualification certificate will be granted to a veteran who wishes to carry on full-time farming operations unless he has had at least two years' satisfactory farming experience.

After the qualification certificate is granted the veteran may apply for assistance, and in doing so must declare that he has personally inspected the land he wishes to purchase at a time when it was free from snow, and that he is satisfied it is suitable.

Farm equipment on which assistance is given may include household equipment to a maximum cost of \$250, but no advances may be made for the purchase of automobiles, motor vehicles, bicycles or their parts.

Ground Fighting Spreads at Buna

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS

Australia (CP)—Ground fighting for control of the Buna government station and its nearby landing strip approached a new pitch of intensity today as cornered Japanese troops continued to offer fierce resistance in their attempts to hold this sliver of the New Guinea coast.

The bodies of 96 Japanese dead were counted by U.S. and Australian troops trying to extend their control of the Buna village area Friday.

Heavy artillery, machine gun and mortar fire were exchanged in the struggle.

An Allied communique in a brief report of the action, said the "our air force is acting in support of our ground troops."

Japanese air activity was noted, too, in a statement that enemy bombers had attacked positions in the Allied rear and had raided Port Moresby, but the attacks were declared to have been without effect.

Southern Democrats Want U.S. Outlays Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Appeal for wartime abandonment of "all further social and economic experiments and new ventures" came today from a leader of the southern Democratic bloc in Congress.

Expressing hope that efforts "for a sane national fiscal policy may be about to bear fruit," Rep. Woodrum (Dem., Virginia) declared the United States' first objective must be financing and winning the war.

"The American people," he said in an interview "are willing to be taxed for whatever it takes to train, equip and maintain our fighting forces. But they have a right to demand that all nonwar activities be curtailed, and expenditures for the same be cut to the bone."

"I believe the incoming Congress will take note of this public demand," he added.

Strike May Tie Up Chicago Elevated

CHICAGO (AP)—Partial tie-up of Chicago's vital transportation system appeared imminent today after failure of a conciliation panel to compromise a wage dispute between employees of the city's elevated lines and the operating company.

The 4,550 employee-members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Vehicle Employees of America (A.A.S.E.R.V.E.A.) have voted to walk out at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow, unless the Chicago Rapid Transit Company grants wage increases ranging from nine to 14 cents an hour. The present hourly scale is from 81 to 92 cents.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Turkey Thompson, 202, Los Angeles, knocked out Ernie Norman, 194, Goodland, Kas. (2).

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Australia Places Communists 'On Parole'

CANBERRA (AAP)—Government sources said today the Communist Party in Australia has been virtually placed on parole rather than given complete freedom by Friday's action of Attorney-General Herbert Evatt in lifting the ban on its activities and publications.

The action was taken more as a gesture to Russia following an exchange of diplomatic representatives rather than as an open welcome to Australian Communists who were driven underground by the ban imposed in June, 1940.

The main condition to be enforced, it was stated, is a regulation that Communists must not engage in any activity detrimental to the war effort, nor encourage in any way the use of force against constituted authority. It is understood satisfactory undertakings have been given.

Liquor Profits Up

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Manitoba liquor control commission during the fiscal year 1941-42, had a net profit of \$2,842,138, an all-time high, it was reported today. This was almost \$1,000,000 in excess of the net profit in the 1940-41 fiscal year. Gross sales in 1941-42 totaled \$9,883,322, with beer sales to beverage rooms accounting for a total of \$3,693,819.

Nazis Murder 4 Czechs

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported today that German authorities in Prague had executed two Czechs for "treason" and put to death two others for illegally slaughtering cattle.

The paper also reported that a

German welfare worker at Kiel had been hanged for keeping clothes and food collected for the relief of Germans.

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Barber shops in France are ordered to collect human hair which is made into material for clothing.

Hanson to Quit Leader's Post

OTTAWA (CP)—Unless Premier John Bracken of Manitoba can take his seat in the House of Commons as Progressive Conservative leader soon after Parliament resumes Jan. 27, Conservative House Leader Hanson will ask that a temporary House chief be chosen, it has been learned.

Mr. Hanson, who has been House leader since the defeat of Hon. R. J. Manion in the 1940 general election, is anxious to relinquish the office for reasons of health. It is understood that while he is prepared to carry on as House leader for some weeks in the new session, he has no intention of bearing the load for any great period.

Premier Bracken, chosen party leader at the Winnipeg National Convention last week, will have to fight a by-election before he can take a seat in the Commons. A new temporary House leader to replace Mr. Hanson would have to be chosen by a caucus of Progressive Conservative Senate and House members. In this event, three members of Parliament are considered likely prospects: Howard S. Green, member for South Vancouver; John G. Diefenbaker, member for Lake Centre, Sask.; and Gordon Graydon, member for Peel, Ont.

New Pilot Officers

OTTAWA (CP)—R.C.A.F. headquarters announce that 34 Canadian pilots who graduated from four service flying training schools have been commissioned as pilot officers on the basis of their good showing in training courses.

The pilots, all sergeants, include:

No. 3, Calgary—Stuart B. Willis, Walter H. Wicks, Vancouver.
No. 11, Yorkton—Brant E. Bergstrom, West Summerland, B.C.; David A. Ewan, Vancouver.

Thanks to Red Cross

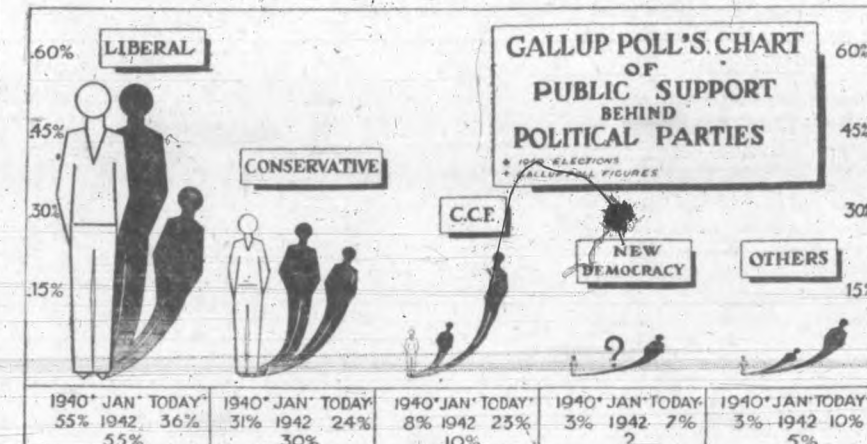
ST-BONIFACE, Man. (CP)—PO. Jack Hardy of St. Boniface, prisoner of war in north Africa, said on his return here that "if it had not been for Canadian Red Cross parcels, I don't think we could have held out, as there was practically no food for prisoners."

PO. Hardy was released from an internment camp at Laghouat, 225 miles south of Algiers.

Wallace on Air

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Office of War Information announced that Vice-President Henry Wallace will make "an important address on questions of the peace and postwar problems" next Monday night. He will speak from 7:30 to 8 p.m. P.D.T. on a radio program commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson.

Political Realignment Reflects Changing Tides of Sentiment



Editor's Note: This survey was completed just before the Winnipeg Convention of the re-named Progressive Conservative party, and therefore, does not reflect public reaction to the steps taken, and policies outlined at that convention.

TORONTO—Political realignments of almost startling proportions are going on in the minds of Canadians as measured by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) surveys. Net effect of such changes is, inescapably, that if an election were held today, Canada's two older parties would lose substantial blocks of the support accorded them in the 1940 election to newer parties, particularly the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. Moreover, this trend is not confined to any one province or area of Canada, but is found by the Gallup Poll to be present in all areas across Canada, in varying degrees of intensity. Gain in popular support for the C.C.F. appears most noticeable, on a proportionate basis, in Ontario.

Canada's Liberal party would still get the greatest number of votes, these surveys indicate, but obtained in 1940, while the C.C.F. would give the Conservatives a close race.

ELECTION CHOICES

To study the tides of political sentiment in Canada, the institute has for the past year, been conducting periodic surveys in which

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Capital Close-ups

By JOHN DAUPHINEE
OTTAWA (CP)—The Federal Government has embarked on a program which, informed sources said today, is aimed at keeping the cost of living at its present level for a considerable time, if not for the duration of the war.

The first step was Finance Minister Isley's announcement early this month that the prices of coffee, tea, oranges and milk were to be reduced. The aim was to prevent any rise in the cost-of-living index, already up 17.7 per cent since the war began.

Donald Gordon, Prices Board chairman, subsequently said failure to take this action would have caused pressures which might have started an upward price spiral, endangering the whole system of control.

Today a board spokesman said Mr. Isley's acceptance of this month of an estimated \$40,000,000 annual expenditure to keep the cost-of-living index in check, coupled with Mr. Gordon's statement, was an indication the government's aim is to "stabilize" the cost of living at its present level.

"If an increase now in living costs would endanger the price ceiling, the same will be true in the future," the spokesman said. "The fact the government decided to subsidize consumers by reducing the cost of individual items included in the cost-of-living index apparently means similar action will be taken whenever the index seems likely to rise."

"While the intention may not be to keep the index at a constant level for the remainder of the war, it seems certain no change will be permitted for a considerable time."

Canada at war is pictured in a one-reel production of the National Film Board to be released in many cities next week. "Inside Fighting Canada" shows Canadian airmen and Canadian sailors in Libya and on the North Atlantic. It has scenes of the damage done to German cities by Canadian fliers. And it depicts the work of Canadian soldiers with photographs of great munitions plants in the cities and agricultural production in the country.

The difference between "off-the-record" and "in confidence" is getting attention from government officials. Up to now newspapermen have been given information "off-the-record" and it has been up to them to decide whether

Victoria Fliers Win Wings

DAUPHIN, Man. (CP)—Pilots presented with wings at No. 10 service flying training school Friday included J. F. Judiesch, Victoria, B.C.

MACLEOD, Alta. (CP)—LAC. P. Dyck of Lumby, B.C., led a class of student pilots who received their wings at a graduation ceremony at No. 7 S.F.T.S. Friday. Several of the graduates were men remustered from ground duties.

The graduates include these British Columbians: J. M. L. Alexander, K. Rutherford, Victoria; H. Lecren, Nanaimo; G. L. Carter, West Vancouver; D. G. Goode, R. V. Harris, N. Ross, R. H. B. Walmann, E. H. Wilson, R. A. Wilson, Vancouver; P. Dyck, Lumby; H. L. Emerson, H. R. Hodge, Trail; H. J. Knights, Surrey; H. M. Smith, Kamloops.

NO. 7 SCHOOL

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Japs Keep Germans Out

LONDON (CP)—The Japanese are barring their Axis partners, the Germans, from the Netherlands East Indies, private sources report. Germans wishing to visit the Indies are finding it impossible to obtain visas, it is stated.

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Wavell Strikes In Burma

SOME THREE SCORE MILES NORTH-
west of the important Japanese-occupied
port of Akyab, British troops of General Sir
Archibald Wavell's command have crossed
into Burma, following a terrific aerial bom-
bardment of the territory chosen for the re-
sumption of this part of the global conflict
which the monsoon rains had held up for
the last six months. At the moment of writing
it is not clear whether this is an of-
fensive against the Oriental Axis partner on
a large scale, or whether it is to be regarded
as a test of the enemy's strength, but there
is reason to believe that the preliminaries
in which the United Nations' air forces have
been indulging for several weeks have caused
the Japanese high command a considerable
amount of uneasiness.

Absence of any spirited opposition to
this first concerted move by the British com-
mander-in-chief, however, should not be al-
lowed to create an exaggerated feeling of
optimism. The experiences of Australian
and American troops in the islands of the
southern Pacific are eloquent of a stubborn
fighting spirit which derives its inspiration
and pertinacity from a belief in the infalli-
bility of the son of heaven in Tokyo. But
a substantial Allied victory in Burma would
not only be a threat to this area of previous
Nipponese conquest itself; it would presage
the early reopening of the Burma Road, with
the promise of additional material assistance
to the Chinese armies of which Generalissi-
mo Chiang Kai-shek is in urgent need. Such
an expansion of Allied operations will be
bitterly contested.

There is in this new development in the
Burmese theatre of the war, nevertheless,
further evidence of the United Nations' ca-
pacity for timing. It comes at a stage when
Japan is feeling the exactions of her extended
lines of communication—aggravated by the
daily loss of precious shipping to replace
which her resources are limited—when her
European partners in crime are beginning
to understand the growth of Allied power
in the air, on land, and on the sea. It coin-
cides with the utter defeat of Marshal Rom-
mel in North Africa, the Anglo-American
advance into the Tunisian triangle, the fur-
ther reduction of Italy's potential usefulness
to the totalitarian triumvirate, and with Rus-
sia still pressing back the Wehrmacht. More-
over, it is particularly interesting to note that
less than two months have elapsed since the
minds of most of the peoples of the United
Nations were agitated because of the ap-
parent inability of anti-Axis forces to seize
the initiative—when a belief existed among
the dogmatists that unification of striking
power was still an academic abstraction.

To the United Nations, incidentally, a feel-
ing of confidence is imparted by the fact
that the task of reconquering Burma has
fallen to General Sir Archibald Wavell. His
record of brilliant achievements against the
crem of Mussolini's armies has not been
dulled by the ebb and flow of battle in that
vital area; it is still to be remembered that
his triumph over the much-vaunted and
vastly superior forces of Marshal Rodolfo
Graziani in the winter of 1940-1941 sounded
the death-knell for Italy's African Empire.
The final obsequies of which are now being
conducted only a comparatively few miles
from the mainland of the country over
which King Victor Emmanuel retains but
tenuous authority.

These Incredible Russians

HITLER'S OWN VOELKISCHER BEO-
bachter is now being used as the prin-
cipal medium to prepare the German people
for the official acceptance of the fact that
the Russian soldier is "as good as and some-
times better than" his Nazi adversary. In
an article in the leading Berlin daily yester-
day, military expert Col. George Soltan
warned his readers that Soviet forces had
penetrated the Germans' eastern defenses
at several points, and were fighting violently
in zero temperatures. He admitted, too, that
"no country other than the Soviet Union
could have stood such losses in men and
materials" as those inflicted on Stalin's men
—yet the resistance of the Russian army
today is very strong. This is one way of
telling a sadly disillusioned populace that all
is not well with their armies; he would have
been more truthful, of course, if he had told
them what they are now discovering for
themselves, that Nazi resistance is crumbling
under the sheer weight of the Russian ad-
vance in all sectors.

No, the foregoing was not written this
morning, last week, or even last month; it
was the first paragraph of an editorial which
appeared in these columns exactly one year
ago today. It had reference to the course
of events in Russia as they stood at the end
of the third week of the Red Army's counter-
offensive which had resulted in the recapture
of the approaches to Kiev, and with a
northern advance which took the Soviet
regions eventually back to the Dnieper, and
enabled them to pen in a large Nazi force
in the Staraya Russa sector 150 miles still
farther north. The greatest triumph along
the whole battle line, however, was the re-
moval of the threat to Moscow, whose spires
German officers at one time in the late No-
vember of 1941 could see plainly through
their binoculars.

The point about reprinting the extract
from that article, of course, lies in the fact

that the strategic situation therein reflected
differs only in degree from that which the
battle line of today presents. To be sure, the
extreme southern and southeastern sectors
have been overrun by the Wehrmacht; Sta-
lingrad is in ruins; Sevastopol and Novoro-
sytsk and the Maikop oilfields are in the
hands of the enemy. But the coveted prizes
which Hitler set out to win in the late sum-
mer of this year are beyond his reach.
The great metropolis on the Volga still
stands between the Wehrmacht and the water-
lifeline of the Soviet Union. The oil at
Grozny and the priceless liquid wealth at
Baku are as far away from the Fuehrer's
grasp as ever. Gone are his hopes of ob-
taining the fuel of which his armies stand
in urgent need.

The prospect is much darker for the Nazi
chief than that. Russia's valiant armies are
advancing, just as they were on Dec. 19,
1941, and still scoring victories 14 months
after Adolf Hitler solemnly told the German
people that the might of Soviet Russia had
been destroyed so completely that it could
not be revived. And it is nearly three months
since he promised them they could depend
upon the capture of Stalingrad. But the
city of glorious rubble remains a symbol of
Russia's faith in herself. And when spring
comes round, the armies guarding all Ger-
many's defenses may well have been seri-
ously weakened by winter's battles rather
than strengthened by winter's rest.

Russia's miraculous and almost unbelieve-
able achievements, however, have now be-
come only part of the wider conflict which
military expert Col. George Soltan may be
contemplating one year after he wrote the
piece in the Voelkischer Beobachter to which
we have alluded. Egypt and Libya have been
removed from Axis clutches; the French
colonial empire is now on the side of the
United Nations; the German-Italo grip on
North Africa is weakening from day to day;
Rommel's Afrika Korps may soon be
nothing but a memory. And the whole of
Nazi-occupied Europe is a seething mass of
discontent that may erupt in menacing pro-
portions as the tide of battle continues to
flow against the men of the Third Reich.
Yes, indeed, it would seem that Adolf Hitler's
Christmas will not be a merry one; and the
New Year certainly promises him nothing
but new troubles.

Low Temperatures

UNITED STATES SURGEON GENERAL
Parran expresses the opinion that room
temperatures of 55 degrees would not seri-
ously impair public health and that tempera-
tures as much as 10 degrees lower would
result in only slight dangers.

Without venturing to set lay opinion
against Dr. Parran's skill, this is startling
and almost unbelievable. Given time and
opportunity to adjust itself gradually, much
of the public eventually might find such
temperatures healthful rather than other-
wise. But the adjustment period would be
unpleasant—and might bring a wave of dis-
abling sickness which a nation's depleted
force of medics could not handle.

Transportation Plan

SHORTAGE OF TROLLEYS AND BUSES
has forced the Transit Controller of
Canada to adopt new ways and means of
solving the transportation problem. A care-
ful study has revealed that about 25 per
cent of all industrial workers in the Domi-
nion depend on automobiles to travel to and
from their work. It is intended to continue
to utilize this method of transportation for
the purpose of alleviating difficulties. Con-
cerns with more than 100 employees are
eligible to participate in the new plan. Under
it, each establishment will apply for recogni-
tion. If recognition is granted, a transit
officer, usually an employee of the company,
will be appointed. He will turn over new
gasoline coupons to only those workers who
are willing to aid in transporting their fel-
low workers to and from work.

Those who are not eligible to receive
coupons in addition to the ordinary
ration to which he is entitled. The quantity
of the extra rations received by the individual
will depend upon the distance he has to
travel each day and how many days he works
each month. When new tires are needed,
a qualified worker will obtain a "wartime
industrial transit certificate for tire services"
which will entitle him to additional tires.
One problem to be solved is the question of
insuring the individual against damages
suffered by fellow workers whom he trans-
ports. The insurance in all probability will
be assumed by the plant where the individual
is employed.

Ships And More Ships

OUR NEIGHBOR'S MUSHROOMED
shipbuilding industry promises to
achieve the "fantastic" goal of 8,000,000 tons
of new shipping in 1942. To do this, 1,110,
000 tons must be delivered this month—more
than ever before. And it looks as though
that will be done. Such an achievement
would be remarkable under any circum-
stances. It approaches the miraculous, how-
ever, because first there were handicaps due
to temporary material shortages; and now,
in addition to turning out freighters like
wildfire, American yards are diverting sub-
stantial capacity to special types of craft
required because of the favorable turn in
the war, and not contemplated when the
original goal was set.

Germany has ordered the Italians to
evacuate Sicily. They don't want anybody
in their way.

German broadcasts today tell us that the
Axis campaign in Libya is going "according
to plan." And it is a plan that suits Gen-
eral Montgomery admirably.

Bruce Hutchison

OLD SUBJECT

AT ONE TIME in this country, they tell me,
the tariff was regarded as something
only a few steps removed from God. It was
so sacred that many men laid down their
political lives for it, and mothers, in halting
tones, would tell their daughters diffidently
about the tariff on the night before they
were married. But after a while, since no
one did much about it once the election was
over, the tariff began to lose its old glamour.
Men no longer laid down their political lives
for it. Brides went to the altar with no clear
understanding of the national policy or the
first Fielding budget, and, despite their igno-
rance, seemed to live happily ever afterwards.

Thus, while a few politicians continued to
talk about the tariff, it went clear out of
fashion. And it did not occur to many people
that in this war many young men have laid
down their physical lives for the tariff, for
the attempt to ram the world into watertight
compartments. The tariff, as the symbol
of self-containment, of dog-eat-dog, of econ-
omic imperialism, turns out to be a pretty
serious business after all. It is seen to be
not a political football, a text for aged poli-
ticians' sermons, but the most vital question
of our time, from which all other postwar
questions must stem.

Now it may be that when the war is over
we shall relapse into our old ways of self-
containment, give up the hope of restoring
trade, try once more to pull ourselves up by
our bootstraps, push the weaker nations
around and try to maintain a living standard
far higher than that of other peoples. If so,
of course, we can prepare for another cycle
of depression and war. But we will not do
this without some attempt to avoid suicide,
because there are enough sensible people
alive who see the end of the process and are
not yet ready for suicide.

IN CANADA

THUS A FINAL ATTEMPT will be made
to save the world after the war, on the
general lines of the Atlantic Charter, on the
principle of allowing all nations to share the
world's goods, which they cannot do under
tariff protection and trade barriers. And
therein will probably lie the core of Canadian
politics in the next few years.

Canada will have to participate in any
future world trade settlement. Canada will
have to change its tariffs drastically as its
contribution to any possible settlement.
Canada will have to secure large new for-
eign markets to take the place of the export
markets in guns, etc. which has been created
by this war.

Even the old Tory Party knows this! It
has become the Progressive Conservative
Party, chosen a free-trader, a classical Lib-
eral as its leader and adopted the Atlantic
Charter. The imminent question of practical
politics is whether this conversion will stick,
whether the new program will last, whether
the great reform of Winnipeg will work. It
is very doubtful.

General declarations are easy, and any-
one with a few odd boards and rusty nails
can build a political platform. If the Pro-
gressive Conservative Party had no more
difficult job than this, its future would be
easy. It could simply proclaim its conver-
sion to low tariffs, point to Mr. Bracken's
low-tariff record, and await with confidence
the counting of the ballots. Alas, it will
not work that way. Mr. King is too quick
on his feet.

ACID TEST

MR. KING WILL SEE that the conversion
of the Conservative Party to low tariffs
is put to the acid test, not in general de-
clarations, but in actual votes. Mr. King, one
feels sure, will present Parliament before
long with a tariff reform bill and force the
newly-converted protectionists to vote on it.
Then we shall see something of great inter-
est. For Mr. Bracken must support tariff
reform, having declared for it without reser-
vation at Winnipeg, having denounced tariffs
as the cause of war and depression, having
agreed with Hitler that "if goods do not
move across frontiers, armies will."

Mr. Bracken's position is honest and clear.
But what of his former protectionist follow-
ers? What of the Conservative members
from the tariff-protected and coddled man-
ufacturing centres of Ontario? What will
they do when they are forced to make a
general declaration but to vote on a specific
reduction in the tariff? How will they dare
to go home if they vote for a tariff reduction
which, in the larger national interest, must
gravely damage a local industry?

By reducing tariffs, Mr. King can drive
a wedge right straight down the centre of
the Progressive Conservative Party and
separate Progressives from the Conserva-
tives. Now this admittedly will be disagree-
able for Mr. King, who has many high-pro-
tectionist supporters and some encrusted Tories
in his ministry. He will not like to do it.
But he will have to do it, if he is to survive.
For otherwise how can he say that his party
is different in any basic policy from the
Bracken Party? Both are alike in all de-
clarations of fundamental policy. Must they be
alike in actual policy?

That would ruin Mr. King. No, he must
revert to his original principles. He must
become a Liberal. And under the compul-
sions of practical politics I think he will.
Even if the first step is unpleasant and
costs him some Tory supporters. That is
the way our democratic working-class oppo-
sition reacts on government. But if he
works that way, if Mr. King has the courage
to make it work that way, Mr. Bracken may
wake up to find that he is in the wrong
political bed and that many of his supporters
have crawled out on him.

"Pride is seldom delicate. It will please
itself with very mean advantages." Samuel
Johnson.

SIDE GLANCES



"You birds don't realize how time flies—you'll be 19 before you know it, so pay attention and drill like real soldiers instead of children!"

This Man Bracken

By M. GRATTAN O'LEARY
Of the Ottawa Journal

WHAT SORT OF a man is
John Bracken? In appear-
ance he is not imposing. Johnson
said of Burke that if you took
refuge with him in a doorway
from a shower of rain, you would
know you were in the presence
of a great man. If you took
refuge in a doorway from a
shower of rain with John
Bracken you probably would not
notice him, and if you did you
would have hesitation about ask-
ing him for a match. He is that
sort of man. The sort of man
you meet in the corner drug
store or riding home on the tram.

The other night on the con-
vention platform, ringed by Tory
Privy Councillors and ex-Cabinet
Ministers and Senators, he
looked terribly forlorn. His face
seemed drawn, as grey as his
grey tweed suit, and when he
smiled it was a shy, nervous
smile, mirthless. He is no
glamorous boy.

Most of our political leaders
have been, in appearance at any
rate, commanding figures.
Laurier looked as though he had
stepped out of some old oil
painting. Borden had indestruc-
tible dignity, was what is called
a personage. Bennett, imma-
culate in appearance, suggests cabi-
net in his very hair. The man in
his head in place, his shoes shined
until they gleamed, at times
seemed Olympian. Meighen had
an attractive asceticism.

OF CALVIN COOLIDGE MOLD

Bracken, medium-sized, more
than middle-aged, schoolmaster-
ish in appearance, suggests none
of these types; is in more of the
mold of Calvin Coolidge. One
could never imagine him poisoning,
or posturing, or kissing a baby,
or getting photographed a la Na-
poleon with his hand in his
breast pocket. The man is simply
not a showman; is the genius of
the average.

Those who know him say he is a
lone wolf, with few close
friends outside his family, and
not prone to take advice from
others. It is told, his habit
has been to listen patiently to
talk, to keep silent himself, and
then to make his own decisions.
Yet, against this is the fact that
when the Stairs report came out,
Bracken imported three univer-
sity professors—including Chi-
cago University's famous Viner—to
read and study it and tell him
what it was about. That prob-
ably explained how it came that
when the conference on the re-
port met in Ottawa he knew
more about it than any of the
others. He had, in fact, all the
details and the answers.

He is a poor speaker; not the
sort of speaker who fumbles for
the right word and only gets it
occasionally, but the sort who
doesn't try for the best word and
is uniformly pedestrian.

HIS SUCCESS, NO ACCIDENT

Yet it is this man, as unin-
spiring as a laundry bill, and
about whom no legends have
grown, who through 22 turbulent

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That leads to Bethlehem—
Mary and her Child-to-be,
And the ass that carried them—
Joseph flagged from weariness,
Mary sighed full sore;
But the little ass held up his head,
Proud of the load he bore.

As they went up the white road
Between the printless snow—
Mary drooped her lily head,
Joseph's foot was slow;
But the little ass stepped light and high,
And though he had no words,
His heart was full of singing thoughts
Like silver-throated birds.

Yonder rode the holy twain—
As we follow them,
Let us praise the little ass
Who went to Bethlehem,
So happy for the miracle
In which he had no part—
Carrying God upon his back
And heaven in his heart!

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METROPOLITAN

Christmas services tomorrow. Special feature of morning service will be antiphonal singing by G. I. T. and choir. Christmas story by Miss Dorothy Davies. Sunday school children will present an offering for children in bombed-out areas. Dr. Whitehouse will preach at both services.

"In the Fullness of Time" will be the morning sermon theme. Anthem, "Christians Awake," with Miss Louise Noble taking solo part; solo, "The Angels Sing," Mrs. Arthur Dowell taking solo part; solo, "There Were Shepherds."

"The Hope of the World" will be the evening sermon. Anthem, "O Holy Night," with Miss Grace Hamp taking the solo part; trio, "Sleep, Little Jesus," soloists, Misses Grace Hamp, Grace Adams and Ruth Bawlinheimer; anthem, "In the Beginning," Mrs. Arthur Dowell taking solo part.

CENTENNIAL

Christmas services with special music tomorrow. At 11, Rev. John Turner will preach on "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come" and at 7:30 he will give a Christmas message.

At 9:45 the Sunday school will hold its annual white gift service. Morning music will be organ prelude, "Gesu Bambino," and "Pastoral Symphony"; anthem, "The First Christmas Morn"; male chorus, "Christmas Bells"; ladies' chorus, "Star of the East"; organ postlude, "Trumpet Tune." In the evening the choir will present a Christmas cantata, "King of Kings," solo parts by Mrs. G. S. Eden, Mrs. S. W. Williams, Mrs. A. Sheard, Misses M. Samuelson, E. Ford, E. Hubbard and M. Almond; G. F. H. Farmer, J. Almond, S. Sweetman, W. T. Almond and J. Bonfoss. At 8:30 J. I. Smith will give an organ recital.

ST. AIDAN'S, MT. TOHME

Rev. T. G. Griffiths will give a Christmas message at both services tomorrow. Morning anthems from the "Messiah," "Hark the Glad Sound," "O Thou That Teldest," and "Lift Up Your Heads"; soloists, Mrs. G. Robbins and Miss O. Griffiths. Evening anthems, "And the Glory," "He Shall Feed His Flock," "Come Unto Me" and the "Hallelujah Chorus"; soloists, Mrs. G. Robbins and Miss Barbara Dawson. Musical prelude, "Silent Night," Mrs. D. Gilbert and Percy Bowman.

WILKINSON ROAD

Christmas services will begin with Sunday school at 10 tomorrow and at the public service commencing at 11:15, when Rev. W. Allan will preach. Music will include "The Anthem of Peace" and "On Christmas Morn," the choir being assisted by Mrs. Elsie Robinson and Beatrice Jones. Y.P.S. Monday evening at 8.

GARDEN CITY

Christmas observance will be held in the Sunday school at 2:15. Public service will begin at 3:30, when Rev. W. Allan will minister. Christmas selections, with Miss Elsie Fyall as soloist.

FIRST UNITED

Rev. Hugh A. McLeod, M.A., B.D., will conduct morning and evening services tomorrow. Morning sermon theme, "In the Days of Herod the King." The Sacrament of Baptism also will be observed. Morning music, "Shepherds' Christmas Song," Mrs. C. A. Goodwin, Mrs. R. H. Nash and Miss Marion Mitchell. Mrs. W. H. Wilson will sing the recitative, "Thus Saith the Lord," "Glory to God," from the "Messiah." Evening service of praise, "The R.C.M.A. Band" will play Schubert's Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished), and other selections. The choir will sing several Handel choruses and Christmas anthems.

Christmas carol service at 2:45.

FAIRFIELD

Christmas in message and music at tomorrow's services. The choir will be heard in the Christmas section from the "Messiah." Rev. Dr. W. J. Sippell will speak on "Another Visit to Bethlehem."

Morning anthems, "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields" and "In the Bleak Mid-Winter."

Evening service devoted to music, as follows: Edward Forrest in recitative, "Thus Saith the Lord" and aria, "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming"; Miss Catherine Denison, recitative, "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive," aria, "O Thou That Teldest Good Tidings to Zion," choir to sing chorus bearing same title; Edward Forrest, recitative, "For Behold, the Darkness Shall Cover the Earth," and aria, "The People That Walked in Darkness"; Mrs. Isabelle Lister, aria, "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," choir, "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah."

OAK BAY

Special Christmas Day services tomorrow. Rev. F. R. G. Dredge, preaching. Subject in the morning will be "Christmas Chimes," and in the evening "Our Guiding Star." Morning anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," Stan Storer will sing "Nazareth." Evening anthems, "Sing, O Heaven" and "Sweetest Notes of Summer," also the old Swedish melody, "Joy is Now in Every Place." Ladies of the choir will sing the Polish carol, "Snowy Flakes Are Gently Falling," and the girls will sing "Little Children Rise and Sing." Miss Hazel Giles will sing a solo, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," and a quartette will sing "Rejoice and Be Merry."

BELMONT

Christmas services tomorrow morning and evening. At the morning service the Sunday school will join the congregation in a white gift service. Proceeds will be distributed for Chinese and Russian relief. Sunday school at 10:30 to join with the church at 11. Morning anthem, "Rejoice Greatly," Rev. H. W. Kerley will deliver a Christmas message.

In the evening the choir will present a cantata, "The Christmas Story." Guest soloists, Miss Wynne, Frank Partridge and Gilbert Marjison. Congregational singing of Christmas carols.

JAMES BAY

Service at 3 tomorrow afternoon. Sacred cantata, "Prince of Peace" will be rendered by Fairfield United Church choir. Soloists, Mrs. Isabel Lister, Mrs. Perry C. Richards, Robert Husband and W. G. H. Firth. Sunday school white gift service at 11; gifts applied to Chinese relief fund.

VICTORIA WEST

Tomorrow at 11 the choir will present the Christmas cantata, "Immanuel." The soloists will be Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Youson, Mr. Guy and Mr. Reeves. Rev. J. C. Jackson will be in charge of the service.

Garden City United W.A. met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Young, Carey Road, and Mrs. A. P. Fryatt presided. Reports showed the annual sale of work amounted to \$67. Arrangements were made to assist with the Sunday School Christmas entertainment, and in sending of Christmas cheer to the sick and shut-ins. At the annual meeting, Mrs. A. E. Ricalton, visiting secretary, reported 233 visits made throughout the year. Mrs. R. Scott showed an annual budget of \$183, which was devoted to the furnishings and repair of church property. The following were elected: President, Mrs. A. P. Fryatt; vice-president, Mrs. R. Scott; recording secretary, Mrs. R. Young; treasurer, Mrs. F. Smith; visiting secretary, Mrs. A. E. Ricalton; press secretary, Mrs. M. Allan. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. White, St. Ann Street, Victoria, with Mrs. A. T. C. Davidson and W. Allan as program conveners.

Anglican

CHRIST CHURCH

Tomorrow there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 6, 8 and after Matins. The Dean will preach on "Are We Alive?" in the morning at 11. Handel's "Messiah" will be sung at 2:30. At the evening service at 7:30 the preacher will be Rev. G. E. Graham, R.C.N. After Evensong, members of the forces and friends are invited to be guests of the A.Y.P.A. in Memorial Hall.

ST. BARNABAS

Service tomorrow, the fourth Sunday in Advent, will be: Holy Communion at 8, Choral Eucharist and sermon at 11; Evensong and sermon at 7:30.

Daily at 8 Holy Communion, and Wednesday evening at 8 special service of Intercession.

ST. JOHN'S

An old-time carol service at 7:30 tomorrow evening; sermon topic, "The Soul of Music." Holy Communion at 8:30. Morning service at 11, sermon topic, "The Golden Age." Rector's Bible class at 10, church-school at 10:45. Organ recital at 11 by Ian Galliford; Choral Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo," "The Infant Jesus," Choral Prelude, "Lo, How a Rose Tree," Men and women of the forces and young people invited to social hour after the evening service.

ST. MARY'S

Services tomorrow will be celebration of Holy Communion at 8, Matins and sermon at 11, and Evensong with sermon at 4. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn will preach. At 2:30 annual carol and gift service. Christmas hymns and carols will be sung. Weekly service of Intercession Tuesday morning at 10:30 and at same hour Thursday mid-week celebration of Holy Communion with special intercessions.

ST. MARK'S

Following services will be held tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8 and 11. Carol service at 7. After the service members and friends invited to social hour of fellowship in the parish hall.

ST. ALBAN'S

Holy Communion and sermon tomorrow at 11; Evensong at 7. Rev. Fred Comley. Holy Communion Wednesday at 10, Christmas Eve at 11:30.

ST. SAVIOUR'S

Choral Eucharist at 11; Evensong at 3:30; Rev. Alfred S. Lord, Sunday school at 11.

ST. ANDREW'S, SIDNEY

Shortened Matins, sermon and Choral Eucharist at 11 tomorrow. Mission service at 7. Rev. C. A. Sutton.

HOLY TRINITY, PAT BAY

Holy Eucharist tomorrow at 8:30. Rev. C. A. Sutton.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, DEEP COVE

Evensong and sermon tomorrow at 3. Rev. C. A. Sutton.

ST. COLUMBA

Holy Communion tomorrow at 9:30, Evensong and sermon at 3. Rev. Canon H. V. Hitchcock.

ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK

Services tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8. Children's service and Holy Communion at 11.

ST. PAUL'S, ESQUIMALT

Services tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8, Choral Eucharist at 11, preacher, the Lord Bishop; Evensong and sermon at 7.

ST. MATTHIAS

Holy Communion at 8; Choral Eucharist and sermon at 11; Evensong and sermon at 4. Rev. E. G. Burgess Browne.

ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL

Holy Communion tomorrow at 8:30, matins at 11, evensong at 7:30; Rev. F. Pike. St. George's, Cadboro Bay: Holy Communion at 8:30, evensong at 4; Right Rev. T. Jenkins.

ST. STEPHEN'S, MT. NEWTON

Matins and sermon tomorrow at 10:30. Rev. W. N. Turner.

ST. MARY'S, SAANICHTON

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JAMES ISLAND

Carol service tomorrow evening at 7:30.

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS

Services tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8, matins at 11, evensong at 7:30. Rev. G. H. Greenhalgh.

ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD

Morning prayer and sermon tomorrow at 11. Rev. G. H. Greenhalgh.

ST. MATTHEW'S, LANGFORD

Holy Communion tomorrow at 8:30, evening prayer and sermon at 7. Rev. G. H. Greenhalgh.

Church Notices

Church notices and advertisements for services to be held Sunday, Dec. 27, will be published in next Thursday's issue of The Times and must be submitted by Tuesday afternoon.

Other Denominations

TRUTH CENTRE

Rev. E. M. Smiley will speak tomorrow morning on "Upon the Midnight Clear." Mrs. E. Ridge will sing "A Candle Was His Star," and WOI. Stanley Frith will sing "The Holy City." "God and a Star" will be the evening subject. Miss Betty-Lou Friesen will sing Gounod's "Ave Maria" and Sidney Chiverall will sing "Nazareth."

GOSEPEL TABERNACLE

Rev. F. M. Landis, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Yates Street, will speak at 11 on "Christmas—Heralds and Christmas Herods," and at 7:30 on "The Great Joys of Christmas."

At 7:30 young people's choir will render selections from the cantata, "Immanuel Forever," which is to be presented at the sacred concert Tuesday evening.

ABSOLUTE SCIENCE

Tomorrow morning service will be held in Room B, Campbell Building at 11. Subject of lecture, "Christ Shining Through." In the evening at 7:30 the subject will be "Peace." Tuesday evening at 8 Emerson Club meets, and Thursday at 8 hour of prayer.

CHURCH OF OUR LORD

White gift and carol service will be held tomorrow evening at 7. The amount raised will be forwarded to England for the orphans in bombed-out areas of London. At this service carols will be sung, also an anthem, "There Were Shepherds." R. Kellert, violinist, will play "Motivation," "Adoration," and "The Rosary."

Spiritualist

MISSION OF ALEXIS

The Mission of Alexis meets at 1415 Douglas Street at 7, when an address will be given by the control "Alexis" on "Seeking Anew the Babe of Bethlehem." Christmas carols will be sung with spiritual messages given at the close. No Thursday class.

OPEN DOOR

At 714 Cormorant Street at 11 tomorrow discussion class; at 7:30 special Christmas service with carols at which Rev. Walter Holder will give a trance address, "A Child is Born." Clairvoyance at the close. Mrs. Edith Mayell, soloist. On Monday at 7:45 trance message circle.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST

Rev. Flora Frampton will conduct the service at 7:30 tomorrow evening when special music will be played and Christmas carols sung. Collection at this service will be donated to Russian relief.

Salvation Army

CITADEL

Mrs. Major A. McInnes will give a Christmas message at the morning meeting tomorrow, and the major will conduct a song service, "Faces in the Fire," in the evening. Sunday school at 2.

VICTORIA WEST

Mrs. Capt. F. Pierce will speak at the meeting at 11 tomorrow at Catherine Street Hall on "The Gift of Gifts." At 7:30 special Christmas service. Capt. Pierce will speak on "Glad Tidings of Great Joy," and carols will be sung by the male voice party. The band will render Christmas music. Sunday school at 2:30.

Message of the Manger

"The Message of the Manger" will be the subject of the service to be held tomorrow evening in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Paintings of the Life of Christ by Hoffmann will be shown on the screen. Appropriate music will be rendered. Community singing at 7:15. Evangelist G. O. Adams will be the speaker.

GIFT SERVICE

At St. Mary's, Oak Bay, the gift service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Gifts received will be sent to a missionary district in central British Columbia, and to the Queen Alexandra Solarium. Boys and girls, their parents and friends are invited to attend the service, which will be for approximately 45 minutes, and for the most part will be singing of Christmas hymns and carols.

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST

Christmas carols, anthems and solos will characterize the evening service tomorrow. The minister will speak on "The Angels' Song." Christmas music: anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," solo, Mrs. N. Duckworth; contralto solo, "O Blessed Town of Bethlehem," Miss H. Barry; anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," solo, Arthur Jackman; male chorus, "The Guiding Star," solo, A-King Was Born," Mrs. R. Miller; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," solo, Miss Hazel Clyde.

At the morning worship Mr. Reynolds will speak on "The Endlessness of Christianity." Choir will sing, "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," Mrs. Alex. Cole singing the solo part, and "Break Forth into Joy," with Mrs. W. H. Foote taking the solo; Mr. Ralph McAdam will sing "Bethlehem."

ESQUIMALT

Special Christmas services tomorrow, conducted by Rev. James Hyde, Esquimalt and St. Paul's Sunday schools will be addressed at the white gift service at 10 by Miss J. Dempsey and at 11 the minister will preach from the text, "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus." Special music: primary girls singing "A Christmas Lullaby," junior choir with "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and Mrs. J. Bishop, "The Holy City." At 7:30 the combined choir of Wesley United and St. Paul's will give the Christmas cantata, "Immanuel." Soloists, Messias Mitchell and Youson and Messrs. Guy and Reeves.

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Christian Science

CHURCHES OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon. "The Golden Text" is "Known unto God are all His Works from the beginning of the world" (Acts, 15:18).

Lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including

ALLIANCE

GOSEPEL TABERNACLE, C. 832 M. A. Yates Street, near Cook. Rev. F. M. Landis, pastor. 8 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship; 7:30 p.m. Gospel service; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible study. All welcome.

CHRISTADELPHIAN

CHRISTADELPHIAN, ORANGE HALL, 1100 Yates Street. Morning service, 11 a.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1620 FERNWOOD ROAD, near 14th. 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. breaking of bread. G. 2676. Secretary.

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OAKLANDS GOSEPEL HALL, 2813 CEDAR HILL ROAD, Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. Bible classes; 11 a.m. Gospel service, speaker, Mr. Geo. T. Bennett. Thursday, 8 p.m. No meeting this week.

VICTORIA GOSEPEL HALL, 925 PANDORA AVE.—11 a.m. Worship, breaking of bread, 7:30 p.m. Gospel service, speaker, Mr. J. Lyon of Vancouver. You are welcome.

LUTHERAN

GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1100 Blanshard and Gordon. Service on Sundays: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Karl A. Jensen.

SALVATION ARMY CITADEL, BROAD STREET, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Bible classes; 11 a.m. Gospel service, speaker, Mr. Geo. T. Bennett. Thursday, 8 p.m. No meeting this week.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), 1929 YATES STREET, near 14th. 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

SPIRITUALIST

MISSION OF ALEXIS, 1415 DOUGLAS STREET, near 14th. 7 p.m. Trance address and message; spiritual healing.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, S.O.E. Hall, 1914 Broad Street—7:30 p.m. Rev. Flora Frampton. Special Christmas message and carols. Complete collection donated to Russian Relief.

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Presbyterian

ST. ANDREW'S

Christmas services will be held tomorrow with Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean presiding. Carols, hymns and anthems will feature the music. At the morning service the Sacrament of Infant Baptism will be dispensed. Mr. McLean will preach on "The Refurnishing of Christmas." Anthem, "Christians Awake," Mrs. F. Griffin singing solo part, Mrs. J. H. Ratcliffe will sing "The Star of Bethlehem."

At the evening service, which will be broadcast over CJVI, the preacher will be Wing-Comdr. Rev. J. Rossie Brown. Congregational singing of Christmas hymns. The choir will contribute: chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord," solo and chorus, "O Thou That Teldest," with Mrs. F. W. Hawes as soloist; "Hallelujah Chorus," and a solo, "The Birth of Christ," by Mrs. H. T. Weatherby.

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"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED"

Real Estate Board Moves To Have Order Rescinded

The Real Estate Board of Victoria Friday swung behind the Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards in a call to the federal government to rescind the new order which requires a full 12 months' notice to vacate to a tenant after a sale has been made.

Support of all organizations in the city will be sought. In addition property-owners of Victoria will be asked to sign a petition calling for rescission of the order, according to action taken by the board at its luncheon in Spencer's dining room.

"The board was informed R. W. Mayhew, M.P., had communicated with federal authorities on the question but had received no information.

"As far as I can find out," said R. H. Shanks, president of the board, "it has been the practice of certain real estate agents which has caused this ruling."

Three prosecutions in British Columbia would clear up those improper practices, he said.

"If there has been any shady deals in Victoria we should put our house in order," said Ald. W. H. Davies. He favored establishment of a local tribunal to work with Ottawa authorities in securing suspension of licenses of any agents whose dealings might be questionable.

DISCIPLINARY MACHINERY AVAILABLE

"The machinery is here now to discipline that type," said Mr. Shanks. "All Ottawa has to do is press the button. It looks very much as if someone is trying to get at the so-called unscrupulous dealers by penalizing all real estate agents."

Hubert Lethaby, board secretary, suggested Ottawa authorities be asked to name unscrupulous agents.

In its move to have the order rescinded the board will circulate petitions and use the radio time of M. H. King next Tuesday night to outline the situation to the public.

The Victoria board's action followed a letter from Charles E. Purnell, president of the Ontario Association, stating his association had attempted unsuccessfully to have the order held up pending a conference with real estate agents.

He asked that Victoria do its part in having the order rescinded.

ONTARIO REACTION

An enclosed report of the Ontario Association's meeting in Toronto Dec. 15 to consider the order-in-council was read. The text of the report follows:

"Protests and resolutions from several boards which could not send a delegate were considered, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting, after full discussion that the order-in-council should be rescinded at once, and the rent collectors asked to confer with property-owners and real estate boards to consider what might be done to protect the wives and families of soldiers overseas, and of essential munition workers without bringing great damage to all property-owners and to estates which are now prevented from realizing on their property assets."

"The opinion that the new regulations requiring at least 12 months' notice to a tenant in the event of sale were undemocratic and ill-advised, was unanimous.

"Real estate boards and their members have co-operated with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in connection with rent control as a part of the effort to stop inflation, and while renewing their pledge to co-operate in securing equitable rent control, the right of an owner to sell his property and the right of Canadian citizens to become home-owners, must not be violated.

"The association has repeatedly

pointed out some of the injustices arising from the freezing of rents upon a certain date without regard to individual circumstances, but without avail."

"Those injustices have in many cases resulted in an owner of a property receiving less in rent than the carrying charges and taxes, and he either had to forfeit the property or sell it for what could be obtained.

"A number of sales have been made at low prices, and the current prices before the recent Order No. 108 was published were very little advanced from the low figures during the depression.

"Incidentally, by those sales the number of home-owners has been increased, and all are agreed that it is much more desirable to have a nation of home-owners than of tenants."

"The meeting was in agreement that the delegates to 10 per cent down payment has been established by the federal government Home Loan Policy as adequate. The delegates were unanimous in their belief that there has been no practice of making fictitious sales to evade rent control regulation, and not one delegate had any knowledge of such a sale in his community. Order No. 108, before amendment, already gave rental administration power to declare sales without liability for unpaid balances to be leases.

"The meeting was in agreement that soldiers' families should be protected, but that this could be accomplished by making it necessary to obtain permit for eviction from the regional rental administrator, or a board of review handling such special cases."

"One of the adverse effects of the new regulations will be to make it exceedingly difficult for executors of estates to liquidate realty assets in order to pay succession levies within prescribed time and to provide funds for beneficiaries sorely in need of funds."

"A satisfactory solution of the housing problem can only be reached by construction of additional housing units, either by erection of new dwellings or alteration of large dwellings into duplexes or triplexes and the use of vacant stores for housing."

"The other alternative is for Wartime Housing to erect temporary dwellings at heavy cost to the state and increasing the number of tenants in proportion to home-owners, while at the same time creating many problems for the municipalities in which those temporary houses are built."

"To encourage construction of new housing by private owners it is essential that present owners be treated fairly and the feeling from one end of Ontario to the other is that the recent order was ill conceived and is very unjust and unfair in its application and will certainly discourage anyone who contemplates building or altering an existing structure to provide more housing."

"The new order was prepared in secret and put through without any opportunity being given to those affected for consultation or suggestion as has been the general practice of the government and it was urged that Order No. 108 should be rescinded and a conference called when suggestions may be considered for dealing with any conditions which may seem to require correction."

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Merriman Talks

BRITISH PLEASE

To my sorrow I found out the other day I have been writing things that have annoyed two lady friends for whom I have the highest regard, first for their own personal vivacity and second, because they are Scotch. Like a lot of other people I have got into the habit of thinking of the people of Great Britain as English, and so have written of the "English airman."

going strong. They absorbed English culture, poetry and arts when they were in school. It does not seem to have hurt them. What is needed is a little more tolerance and a little less nationalism. Where a man is born is not as important as how a man thinks and acts."

It is fitting that another native son should have replied to the native son who raised the issue, for there could be no more inopportune time than this to play a card in the deliberate Hitler plan of harping on little differences in views, speech or manners of peoples of the Allied Nations to make them appear as serious conflicts of opinion.

The Canadian-born letter writer hits the nail squarely on the head when he says "Where a man is born is not as important as how a man thinks and acts."

And at the moment, the English-speaking people of the world, regardless of where they were born, are thinking alike—they are thinking the most important thing at this time is victory over Hitler and the Japs.

PAIS IN ARMS
A little incident emphasizing this: A Victoria father of a Canadian-born son who has figured in a hero's role on his flights over enemy territory wrote the other day:

"Dear Dad—I am attached to the R.A.F. I could get a commission by transferring to the R.C.A.F., but that would mean leaving this crew. There are six English boys in my crew and we are swell pals. In this game, dad, you make friendships deeper than you can possibly realize in civilian life, and I would hate to break away from my gang."

The words of the native son fly as he talks about his English pals of the airways seem to carry more weight than the one who "takes his pen in hand" in Vancouver to quibble over trifles.

THEY ARE EAGER FOR LETTERS
Few newspaper features of recent years have been so cordially welcomed as the weekly letter from home published in the Times each Saturday. A breezy summary of the news of the week, it saves relatives of men overseas a lot of writing. It also cuts the breach since the order was made that complete copies of newspapers cannot be sent to the troops except when sent as monthly or yearly subscriptions.

Letters expressing appreciation of the feature have been received from every branch of the service. Here's a typical letter of appreciation. It comes from Courtney: "The Letter From Home" in your paper is a splendid feature. I have two boys in the service and I always enclose this article in the first letter of the week. They both enjoy it very much and pass it on to other boys in their respective sections to read. One suggestion I would like to make, if I may: most of the boys receiving this letter are of the younger generation and are, I believe, very interested in athletics, especially now as most of the teams in the respective sports are made up of service teams. The score of these games should be included."

Should anybody with a man overseas have missed it, the letter appears every Saturday. And it is well to remember that letters and news from home stand first with the men overseas, even ahead of parcels. If you ever saw a soldier walk away with that disappointed "no letter again" look from the mail distribution parade, you would keep the letter-traveling.

A synthetic rubber from wood products has been developed in Sweden, suitable for bicycle tires but not for motor cars.

Channel Islanders Help Refugees

The sum of \$852 has been sent to refugees by the Victoria Branch of the B.C. Channel Islanders' Society it was reported at the annual meeting at the Women's Institute Hall Thursday night. This money has been transferred to the Central Refugee Committee in London for distribution in Great Britain.

E. M. Renouf, president, was in the chair.

Miss Margaret Ozard presented the report of the Women's Auxiliary which had met 24 times, and had been instrumental in forwarding 22 cases of new and good used clothing to the refugees. She also presented the financial statement which showed a balance on hand of \$21.68.

Election of officers then took place and the following were elected: E. M. Renouf, president; F. E. LePoidevin, vice-president; J. E. Whittle, secretary; J. A. de Bourcier, and executive members, Mesdames D. J. Muford, G. Le Gallais, P. D. Dutoit, C. P. L. Pearson, J. E. Whittle.

Channel Island and other films were shown.

Christmas Parties

KEATING SCHOOL

On Thursday afternoon pupils at Keating School entertained their parents with a Christmas concert. The program, which had been prepared under the direction of Miss W. Sones and Miss E. Bell, included a Christmas pageant, piano solos, a humorous play, drills and carols.

After the concert the parents and children visited the primary classroom where bags of candies were distributed from a prettily-decorated Christmas tree. Among the guests were Trustee Mrs. E. M. Bryce and J. Gough, municipal inspector of schools.

TOLMIE SCHOOL

Pupils of Tolmie School presented a Christmas concert of great variety and enjoyment to an enthusiastic audience of parents who filled the Mount View High School auditorium to overflowing Wednesday evening. The entertainment was under the general direction of principal E. G. Woodward and included carols, humorous dialogues, folk dances, a pantomime, an original historical play, a Christmas pantomime and a minstrel troupe.

J. Gough, municipal inspector of schools, announced the items of the program which were as follows: Carols by the primary choir, Upside-Down Drill by Miss Burkinshaw's class, vocal solo by June Kusien "Smiling Through," Christmas songs by Division 4, dialogue "A Neighborly Call" by Jeanette Pedneal, Mary Mackerech and Dick Townsend; a tap dance by Verna Asprey, nursery rhymes directed by Miss O. L. Bossi and Miss S. O'Connell, the minuet danced by senior girls, humorous play, "Christmas With the Ruggles," by Moss Dobbs and her pupils; Danish, Hungarian and Swedish folk dances by Miss Scholefield's class; a Christmas Eve scene by pupils of Miss Horner, and original play by Mr. Sinclair performed by Division 2 and 3, and minstrel show directed by Mr. Woodward.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL

The pupils of Royal Oak School showed careful training by J. Drummond, Miss M. Sibley and Miss L. Adamson as they presented their Christmas concert before a large audience assembled in the Royal Oak Community Hall, Thursday.

The concert opened with carol singing by the choir of Division 3. Then the curtains were opened to reveal large dolls, a teddy bear, a candy stick, a Jack-in-the-box and other toys which Santa's helpers had made. Each toy turned out to be a child as it stepped from its place to describe how it would bring pleasure to whomsoever received it. The stiff-legged marching of a group of well-costumed soldiers drew much applause as did the antics of Santa, who had to call in his wife to stop a threatened strike of the elf toy-makers.

Then followed a dance by Division 3, acrobatic tumbling by pupils in Division 1, and a tap dance by Lorraine Luney. The pageant by the senior children was beautifully staged as the story of Christmas was depicted to the accompaniment of carols sung by pupils in Division 1. The concert concluded with a recitation "Merry Christmas" by a group of children of Division 3.

CRAIGFLOWER

The Craigflower School Christmas concert was presented in St. Martin's Hall, Thursday evening. The primary division, in charge of Miss A. Muirhead, entertained their parents with songs, drills, recitations and a play called "Christmas Eve in Santa Claus Land." Under the direction of Miss R. Pratt, the intermediate grades performed "Topsy-turvy"



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B.C. government will aid the Vancouver Board of Trade to press a fight for small B.C. communities so that Ottawa will relax its ruling that a freight car must be fully loaded before it can be moved.

Hon. E. C. Carson, Minister of Trade and Industry, said today, following a cabinet meeting, that the government will grant \$2,500

to the Board of Trade to enable W. A. Rundle to press the board's case with the Canadian government.

"This will mean a continuous brief for perhaps a year," Mr. Carson said, "and will be of particular value and benefit to the small towns in the interior."

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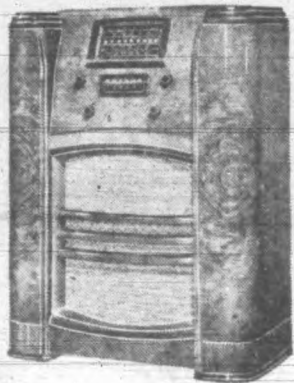
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Junior Air Group Does Much to Aid Airmen and Women

Miss Ruth Pangman was re-elected president of the Junior W.A. to the Air Services at the annual meeting held this week. Other officers chosen were: First vice-president, Judy Pearce; second, Jean Fitcher; secretary, Adele Plant; treasurer, Betty McHarvey; press secretary, Jean Broughton.

As their new project the juniors have decided to interest themselves in the girls now in residence at the new R.C.A.F. Women's Division Barracks, Kildonan House, Foul Bay Road. To this end they will supply thermos bottles, laundry bags, lunch pails and flashlights for the girls' use.

The Junior branch was formed in October, 1941, to assist the Senior W.A. in their work of supplying comforts to the men of the Air Force, both here and overseas. Miss Pangman reported in her review of the year's activities. Raffles, a silver tea, a puppet show, dances and other money-raising activities proved successful. The girls made hot-water bottle covers for the military hospital, sent Christmas parcels to men on isolated stations last year and again this year, and have also started a correspondence with some of the men in these lonely spots. Miss Pangman thanked the executive for their splendid support, and attested to the generous co-operation of Mrs. Noel B. Eaton of the senior group.

Miss Judy Pearce, the knitting convener, noted that \$75 had been spent on wool. Members had knitted the following:

Fourteen sleeveless sweaters, 40 turtleneck tuck-ins, 3 pairs gloves, 1 pair mitts, 14 pairs socks, 10 scarves, of which 6 were ripped to provide more wool; 4 long-sleeved turtleneck sweaters.

Woolworth-Whites Club met on Wednesday evening in their club rooms, taking the form of a Christmas party. The rooms were decorated with evergreens, and a bright Christmas tree held the place of honor laden with a gift for each member. President Miss Irene Crooks spoke on the splendid work done by the club during the year and the treasurer read the report on the last successful dance given by the club. Entire proceeds of this dance will go to war charities. Guests of honor were Mr. W. Mickler of Vancouver, superintendent of western Woolworth Stores, and Mr. W. G. Crawford, local store manager; and Mrs. W. G. Crawford. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford for their kindness and help in assisting the club was accompanied by a gift to each. During the evening games were enjoyed and a buffet supper was served. Next meeting will be in the new year for election of officers.

W.A. Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion, held a Christmas card social in the board-room on Wednesday evening. Cribbage, in charge of Mr. H. Jarvis, and court whist, in charge of Mrs. D. Ree, was played. Refreshments were served from a table flanked with a Christmas tree flanked with red candles in Christmas holders. Mrs. D. Ree, Mrs. P. Stevenson and Mrs. H. Broadbent acted as hostesses.

Commander John Grant, R.C.N., and officers at the Royal Canadian Naval College, Hatley Park, will be hosts at a Christmas dance to the naval cadets this evening.

Fit Lt. Edward Musgrave, R.C.A.F., Winnipeg, will spend his Christmas leave in Victoria with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ian J. Scott, Ten Mile Point, and will arrive by air next Wednesday.

Lieut. Miles Cotton, who has been training with the Canadian Paratroops in the United States, will arrive in Victoria Sunday to spend the Christmas leave with his sister, Mrs. G. T. London, who is in residence at the Windermere Hotel.

Mrs. R. A. Fraser has returned to her home on Beach Drive after spending the last week in Vancouver. Mrs. and Mr. Fraser will be joined for Christmas by their two sons, Lieut. David R. Fraser, R.C.A., Hastings Park, Vancouver, and Lieut. Ian H. Fraser, R.C.A., of Montreal, who graduated from Kingston Royal Military College last summer, and who will join his regiment at Brandon, Man., on the termination of his leave.

Many former Victorians, as well as the High Commissioner for Canada, and Mrs. Vincent Massey, together with other distinguished guests, attended the wedding at the little Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, England, on Saturday, Nov. 14, of Miss Joan Fellowes, only daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Carol Fellowes and adopted daughter of Major the Hon. Carol Fellowes of Home Farm, Wrotham Park, Barnet, to Capt. Geoffrey Homer, of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. C. C. Cator, Rockland Ave., and spent her childhood in Victoria.

The Rev. R. C. Evill, priest-in-charge, officiated, and the service was choral. The bride, who was given away by Major the Hon. Carol Fellowes, wore a white dress with gold brocade, and a Brussels lace veil, held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of arum lilies.

Miss Cynthia Ashley-Cooper was the only bridesmaid. She wore a midnight blue dress.

Vera Kennedy-Smith Wed at St. Mary's To Naval Officer

Against an all-white floral background, with chrysanthemums on the altar and in the chancel, and white carnations and asparagus tied with white ribbons marking the guest pews, the marriage of Miss Vera Kennedy-Smith and Lieut. George Stephen Covernton, R.C.N.V.R., was solemnized at 2.30 this afternoon at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, in the presence of a large congregation which included many mainland guests.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. Kennedy-Smith, Beach Drive, Oak Bay, and the late Mr. G. Kennedy-Smith, and the groom is the second son of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Covernton, 1627 Laurier Avenue, Vancouver.

V-SHAPED BOUQUET

Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns performed the ceremony and Mr. F. T. C. Wickett was at the organ. Given in marriage by Mr. W. A. Harper, an old family friend, the fair-haired bride was a lovely picture in her wedding gown of white silk tulle, fashioned on simple lines with long torso, high neckline and long fitted sleeves, with a very full skirt. The bridal veil and orange blossoms were those worn by the bride's mother on her wedding day, the veil falling in a filmy mist to floor-length. The bride's novel bouquet was fashioned in V-shape, and was composed of gardenias, white carnations, swansons and maidenhair fern. Her only ornament was a string of real pearls, the gift of the groom.

Mrs. Kenneth L. Boorman, of Vancouver, as matron of honor, was her sister's only attendant. Her dress of robin's-egg blue French crepe in floorlength was finished with a V-neckline, and very full skirt. Her hat of Palma violet was trimmed with matching French flowers and her gloves and shoes were in the same tone. She carried a bouquet of mauve chrysanthemums and pale pink carnations.

Mr. Theodore Henry Covernton was groomsmen, and ushers included Lieut. Richard Lester, Lieut. Bruce Bracken, Lieut. Kenneth Boorman, all of the R.C.N.V.R., and Mr. John Kennedy-Smith, brother of the bride.

HOTEL RECEPTION

A large number of guests were welcomed at the reception held in the Duke of Kent private dining suite at the Empress Hotel, which was arranged with chrysanthemums and ferns. Mrs. Kennedy-Smith received in a chaise longue green ensemble in street length, with brown accessories, assisted by Mrs. Covernton, the groom's mother, wearing a robin's-egg blue afternoon frock with brown accessories. In addition to the groom's parents, other Vancouver guests included Mrs. Peter O'Brien, sister of the groom; Mrs. Carleton Covernton, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Foster, Miss Cynthia Bull and Lieut. Thomas Ladner, R.C.N.V.R.

The bride's table was arranged with white stocks and chrysanthemums, with tall white tapers in silver candelabra, and as the bride cut the three-tier wedding cake with her husband's sword, the toast was proposed by Mr. L. B. Kent, an old family friend. For the honeymoon trip to Banff, the bride donned a cherry colored tailored suit, copper brown hair seal coat, with brown accessories, and her flowers were gardenias and swansons. Lieut. and Mrs. Covernton will make their home at Prince Rupert.

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Bits and Pieces

By N. H.

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Out of the welter of news which emerged from the recent national Conservative convention at Winnipeg, one item particularly has caught my eye. That was a paragraph in which an eastern Canadian delegate declared that "the Christmas tree, a relic of the worship of Odin in Germanic forests, should be banned from Canada." With all due respect to the gentleman in question, I hope his wish will never be realized. Of the few good things which have come to us from the land of Schickelgruber, the decoration of the fir tree in celebration of the Feast of the Nativity is one of the most charming. To millions of children the world over, Christmas would not be Christmas without its fir tree decorated with glittering baubles and colored lights, a sentiment which is also shared by many grown-ups. In a world in which war is robbing many children of the joys of childhood and in which the realists would cheat them even of Santa Claus, let us leave them at least one tradition unscathed by any suggestion of national antipathies.

War is gradually taking its toll of our pleasures and now our feminine love of a bargain is threatened. For the Retail Merchants' Association of Vancouver announces that there will be no more bargain sales among the independent retailers in the downtown section of the mainland city. So gone for the duration will be the bargain-hunter's thrill of fighting over something which she doesn't want herself and is determined no one else shall have—no more will the magic sign, "Marked down to \$2.98," lure her into buying something for which she had always willingly paid \$3. Ah, me! Sherman was certainly right!

Another sign of the times, was overheard while passing a downtown store recently. A woodcart pulled up before the store on a main thoroughfare and the driver started on the job of getting the wood in. Seeing that he was alone and that the job would be a long one, the manager of the store came out and inquired: "Can you handle that wood yourself, or shall I send out a couple of girls to help you?"

An intelligent waitress makes a super war worker. That's what a restaurant owner says in explanation of the difficulty he and his confederates are facing in keeping help these days. No sooner does a girl "learn the ropes" than off she goes into one of the war industries. The day of the automatic slot-machine style of cafeteria is certainly coming closer, it seems.

ENGAGEMENTS

BERRY-JONES

Mrs. J. L. Jones, 26 Montreal Street, announces the engagement of her only daughter, Winifred Jane, to L.S. Arthur Albert Berry, R.C.N.V.R., third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry, 835 Cormorant Street. The wedding will take place in the near future.

SMITH-BARTON

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Barton, 1926 W. 15th Ave., Van. (formerly of Victoria) announce the engagement of their elder daughter, A.W. Kathleen Barton, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), to L.A.C. Albert John Smith, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, 372 Van Horne Street, Port Arthur. The marriage will take place in Port Alberni on Christmas Eve.

HOOPER-ELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Ellis, 3255 Tennyson Avenue, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Eileen Annie, to Mr. Walter Vernon Hooper, R.C.A.F., Moncton, N.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hooper, 240 Oswego Street. The wedding will take place at St. John's Church Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7.30.

RUTHERFORD-SQUIRE

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Squire, Newport Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne Marguerite, to 2nd Lieut. Colin Peter Rutherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin H. Rutherford, Beach Drive. The wedding will take place in Calgary Christmas Eve.

FIRST UNITED Y.P.U.

First United Y.P.U. met Tuesday under the chairmanship of Margaret Walker. The program consisted of a story told by Peggy Pepper and the singing of Christmas carols. Meeting closed with a devotion conducted by Miss June Dunn. Next meeting will be Jan. 5.

Victoria Cwacs in England



Victoria and district members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps who arrived in Britain with the second overseas draft are shown in the above photograph. In the top group are back row, left to right: Pte. E. M. Clark, Nanaimo; Pte. M. G. McClure, Nanaimo; Pte. A. M. Lowell, Vancouver; Pte. U. Tremblay-Ralph of Victoria; front row, left to right, Pte. G. L. Thompson of Victoria and Cowichan Lake; Corporal J. M. Grant of Victoria and Pte. A. E. Banks of Victoria. In the lower picture are left to right: Pte. Agatha McGivern, Qualicum Beach and Victoria; Pte. D. M. Greenwood, West Vancouver; Pte. A. K. Polyan, Victoria; Pte. C. B. Mellicke, Chilliwack; front row, Pte. P. E. Simmons, Vancouver; Pte. M. C. Mumford, Halifax, N.S.; Pte. L. Krueks, Victoria and Lindberg, Alberta, and Pte. E. L. Duncan, North Vancouver.

News of Clubwomen

Ladies' Guild to Centennial United Church met recently. Officers were reinstated for another year: President, Mrs. W. McCague; vice-president, Mrs. D. Wilson; secretary, Mrs. J. Jeffery; treasurer, Mrs. A. McCormack; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Bruce; flowers, Mrs. T. Corry; social committee, Mrs. J. Cox, Mrs. R. Blane and Mrs. M. McIvor. Reports read concerning the work of the different circles was most encouraging. Mrs. Corry will again lead the Busy Bee Circle; Mrs. J. Jeffery, Quatre Circle; Mrs. E. McCuaig, Quatre Circle. The latter circle turned in a fine Red Cross report. Mrs. McCague presided at the meeting and the devotional period was led by Mrs. Jeffery.

Pythian Sisters, Capital City Temple, met recently. Mrs. Lucy Keiser presiding. Mrs. T. Atkinson reported members had knitted 59 pairs of socks, and 53 parcels had been sent to the armed forces overseas; 6 pairs of socks were sold and the money donated to the cigarette fund. Mrs. W. Anderson told of sick visits. A Christmas party took place after the business when members gathered around the Christmas tree and exchanged presents; 18 knights also received presents and D. Stewart made an excellent M.C. Games were played and community singing and refreshments enjoyed, the tables being decorated by Mrs. G. Douglas and her committee. Next meeting, Jan. 5, for installation of officers.

The annual meeting of St. Luke's W.A., Cedar Hill, was held Thursday in the rectory. Reports of all the officers showed a steady maintenance of the work, and in some cases increased activity. The president, Mrs. M. Midgley, thanked all officers, conveners and members for splendid support and co-operation. An interesting account of his recent visit to Alsea Bay was given by the rector, Rev. P. Pike, in which he told of many splendid meetings and church services with the Indians in that parish, and of visits to the hospitals and schools. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. H. Eastwood; president, Mrs. M. Midgley; first vice-president, Dr. M. Sherman; secretary, Mrs. G. L. Lyton; treasurer, Mrs. J. Kingsbury; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. A. Campbell; Lullaby secretary, Miss R. M. Hooper; U.T.O. secretary, Mrs. C. E. Thompson; E.C.D. secretary, Mrs. E. Eldsforth; Little Helpers, Mrs. G. L. Lyton; girls' secretary, Mrs. H. Jones; prayer partner, secretary, Mrs. W. Anderson; educational secretary, Mrs. A. E. Watts. Delegates to annual meeting: Mrs. H. Jones and Mrs. G. L. Lyton.

Ex.B.C. Telephone operators will hold annual reunion dinner at the Empress Hotel, Duke of Kent dining room, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. Reservations must be in by end of year. Ladies will be at entrance to Spencer's dining room Dec. 28 and Jan. 2, from 2 till 4 each afternoon, where tickets may be obtained. For further information phone E 4992.

Oak Bay United Women's Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. R. G. Dredge, St. Patrick Street. Mrs. F. R. Jewkes in the chair. A Christmas candle-light service was presented. Miss Mary Sinclair sang two Christmas carols, accompanied by Miss Townsend, and Mrs. Ridgeway two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Hoie. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. H. Laird; first vice-president, Mrs. M. Mullholland; second vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Sinclair; recording secretary, Mrs. F. R. Jewkes; treasurer, Mrs. D. Depen; corresponding secretary, Miss Runnars; literary secretary, Mrs. A. L. Carruthers; strangers' secretary, Mrs. Bullock; supply secretary, Mrs. Sutton; associate helpers' secretary, Mrs. Marshall; Christian stewardship, Mrs. A. J. Terry; missionary monthly, Mrs. A. Beattie; C.G.I.T. secretary, Mrs. Rowell; press, Mrs. G. J. Alexander; pianist, Mrs. S. Robson.

Diocesan board of the W.A. met in St. Barnabas' Parish Hall Friday morning. Mrs. R. C. Keane welcomed the members to the parish. Miss Walker gave the devotional reading. The members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. E. J. Lohse, president of the Montreal diocesan board. Mrs. Brimer, Mrs. C. H. Hinkins, Mrs. G. T. Hughes and Dr. M. Sherman were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Local Council. Mrs. A. Bengough, treasurer, reported on receipts during the month. Mrs. C. H. Hinkins, social service secretary, reported the December meeting of Council of Social Agencies. Dates of the diocesan board annual meeting were set for March 3 to 6 inclusive. An embroidery committee was formed to work for churches in China. Miss M. Rathbone, educational secretary, announced the sale of nearly 900 calendars. Mrs. Nellans, Dorcas secretary, reported the sale of 1000 calendars. Mrs. Lyton and Columbia Coast Mission. Mrs. F. Goodwin, girls' secretary, welcomed the new leader of St. Barnabas' Girls' Branch, Mrs. Phelps, Columbia Coast Mission secretary, appealed for suitable books and magazines for women in the forces. Rev. Canon Smith took noonday prayers and gave a Christmas devotional address.

Children of the men serving with the P.P.C.L.I. will be the guests of the Women's Auxiliary to the regiment at a Christmas party to be held in the Y.W.C.A. Wednesday afternoon at 2. No invitations are being sent out, but it is hoped every one of the kiddies will be present to take part in the jolly program which has been arranged. There will be a Christmas tree, too.

Christmas meeting of Gleaners Mission Circle of First United Church was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. L. McLennan. President, Miss Helen Porter welcomed three new members and conducted the business period. Several knitted strips were turned in to be assembled together as an afghan. Each member brought a Christmas gift for the kindergarten and primary children of the Oriental Home, also candy and biscuits for their Christmas party. A new slate of officers was presented and accepted. Mrs. W. Smith and Miss Inez Jeanne led the inspiring Christmas devotional. Misses Barbara Munro and Margaret Walker contributed to the program, using the Christmas and missionary theme. Singing of carols closed the meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Installation of officers will take place Jan. 20 at the home of Mrs. A. T. Hunkin.

Fairfield Women's Missionary Society met Friday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Clothier, Chapman Street. The devotional period was taken by the hostess. An address, "Christmas in Our Hearts," was given by Miss Pearl Willows. Mrs. W. F. Thomson sang the solo "Just For Today." Election of officers was conducted by Mrs. W. G. H. Firth. Hon. president, Mrs. George Piercy; president, Mrs. Gerald Green; first vice-president, Mrs. T. C. Judesch; second vice-president, Mrs. George Gordon; recording secretary, Mrs. Norman J. Cress; treasurer, Miss E. Hopkins; corresponding secretary, Miss E. Clarke; stewardship and finance, Mrs. W. E. Clothier; supply secretary, Mrs. L. K. Moon; literature secretary, Mrs. G. Bohlender; temperance and citizenship, Mrs. Wm. Bevan; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. S. E. Keefe; associate helpers, Mrs. B. C. Wright; community friendship, Mrs. E. Hopkins; press secretary, Mrs. C. H. Firth; and Miss C. A. Fields; mission band, Mrs. W. H. Yardley; Mrs. W. F. Thomson; pianist, Mrs. B. C. Wright. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Clothier's circle.

Wilkinson Road United Women's Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Ransome, Wilkinson Road.



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Mrs. A. J. Rainer presiding. Reports were read and acknowledged. A donation of \$10 from the Young People's Society on behalf of the church painting fund. Arrangements were made for providing refreshments for the Sunday school Christmas entertainment. Mesdames C. C. Congdon and W. Allan were appointed as nominating committee. During the meeting a letter was read from Miss Margaret Pringle describing conditions in her work with the British Air Commission at Washington, D.C. Mrs. Allan presented a beautiful corsage bouquet of carnations to Mrs. W. Taylor in honor of her birthday this week-end. Next meeting will be Jan. 19, at the home of Mrs. G. Jones, Carey Road. The meeting was closed with prayer, and refreshments served by Mrs. Ransome, assisted by Mrs. V. Ransome.

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The engagement is announced of Joyce Rosina, only daughter of Mrs. A. T. Dawes, 248 Superior Avenue, to Sgt. Maj. John Lumley, R.C.A.M.C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lumley, View Royal. The wedding will take place on Jan. 16, at the Church of Our Lord.

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of First United Church will be held Monday, in the S.S. Hall at 2.30.

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A pageant of fantasy and fun, singing, ballet, and even a dash of Marxian humor and satire, combined in a brilliant performance at the Royal Victoria Theatre Friday night when the Junior League of the Queen Alexandra Solarium presented "Cinderella," a Christmas pantomime directed by Reginald Hincks, veteran director of many fine shows in Victoria.

The play differed considerably from the traditional version of "Cinderella," yet lost none of the charm of the old. Strange characters like Cyclops, the negro chauffeur, and Adolf, the Demon King, not to mention Gorgonzola and Camembert, the two ugly sisters, were novel additions to a cast of well over 100.

Tiny tots from Miss Wynne Shaw's dancing school delighted the audience with the many miniature ballets which were threaded into the theme of the romance. The Enchanted Forest scene was particularly good, the stage setting of a wooded glade with huge colorful butterflies poised on rocks and trees being a perfect background for the flower dances as bluebells, daisies and little garland girls came to life under the magic wand of the Fairy Queen, played by Betty Hetherington.

When Cinderella and Prince Charming were brought together at last by the silver slipper, they sang several songs which were most pleasing.

PATRIOTIC TOUCH

The antics of the ugly sisters provided merriment throughout, and the introduction of army, air force and navy as conquerors of the Demon King added a patriotic touch which elicited much enthusiastic acclaim.

Stage manager was Warren W. Martin, and the orchestra was under the baton of Alfred Prescott. Credit is due Mrs. Gladys Smith as wardrobe mistress, for the many beautiful and elaborate costumes, especially in the ballroom scene at the Prince's palace, where stately French courtiers and their mistress ladies danced to a lively minuet.

Sgt. Paul Michelin was in charge of the service chorus, and those on the committee were: Mrs. A. W. E. Pitkethley, Mrs. J. Cusner, Mrs. W. L. McEwen, Mrs. C. H. Miller, Mrs. Gordon J. Scott, Mrs. R. Grant, Mrs. Margaret Miller and Mrs. Frank Norton.

The properties committee consisted of W. A. Bayliss, Stewart G. Clark, J. P. Collins, A. M. D. Fairbank, Mr. Napier-Denison, Mrs. Connie Seagress, G. M. Slater and H. Wetherill.

Children taking part in the performance, were: Anne, Patsy Smith and Agnes Richards; dookey, Patsy Sparks and Bever-

Santa Claus Visits the Solarium



It's easy to see that Santa Claus has visited this little girl! She is one of the many patients of the Queen Alexandra Solarium for whom the annual Christmas party was given Thursday. Tonight the Junior League to the Solarium is presenting for the third time "Cinderella" at the Royal Victoria Theatre to aid children in their struggle to return to normal healthy lives.



There are 60 more children just as adorable as these in the arms of nurses at the Solarium. The welfare and treatment of the children, who are admitted regardless of creed, color or financial ability, is the responsibility of the medical superintendent, honorary consulting medical staff and the nursing and general staff. There is a grade school and kindergarten, and an atmosphere of real affection nurtures frail bodies into character and strength for their return to their homes.

by Luff; ladybugs, Rae Everdeen and Diana Bradley.

Fairy dance—Gayle Webster, Marilyn Balcom, Doreen Bull, Jacquelyn Freer, Margaret Jeffries, Beverley Irving.

Doll dance—Indian, Murray McIntosh; sailor, Gerry McDonald; rubber doll, Marilyn Balcom; nigger baby doll, Sandra Humber; Christmas doll, Shirley Green; Ragged Anne and Andy, Marlene Pearce and Murray McIntosh.

Flower dance—Garland girls: Doris Benwell, Deirdre Hammick, Katharine Goodland, Jennifer Lowe, Margaret and Edith Nixon, Darla and Nora MacLennan, Joan Amison and Huda Gardiner.

Little Bluebells—Holly Law Francis, Diane and Janine Graves, Marie Milburn, Marlene Pearce, Anne Draper, Jane Pauncey and Diana Bradley.

Daisies—Lois Burns, Margot Wood, Sylvia Stone, Andrea Fulton and Helen Burns.

White Ballet—1st group: Anne

Murphy, Doreen Bull, Gayle Webster, Beverley Irving, Marilyn Balcom, Margaret Jeffries; soloist, Jacquelyn Freer; 2nd group, Sheila Beckwith, Beverley Luff, Corinne Moore, Patsy Sparks; 3rd group, Celia Daniel, Marilyn Irving, June Milburn, Patricia Coulter, Beverley Luff, Corinne Moore; 4th group, Patsy Smith, Marilyn Irving, Kelly Hughes, Toleta Williams, Joan Cromack, Mavis Vye, Iris Thorogood and Muriel Eastwood.

Reel o' Tulloch (pupils of Adeline Grant Duncan)—Evelyn Watson, Helen Finlayson, Mary and Helen Rogers, Joan Auchinvoile, Beverley Hamilton, Barbara Barrick, Kathleen Drom, Betty Lahmer, Shirley McMillan, Mamie McAllister, Lillian Jacklin and Walter Burgess.

First Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers pipe band under Pipe Major Peden.

Pages—Jill Ulich, Heather Adams, Shirley Green, Marilyn Bassett and June Bell.

Heralds—Victor Keating, Bob Everest, George Norman and Bob Wright.

A special matinee this afternoon is being given in addition to the performance tonight, due to the splendid response the opening night.

Orators at St. Ann's

Ten High School students, chosen in elimination contests, formed the principal item of a program given Friday afternoon in the St. Ann's Academy auditorium. It was the annual speech day and Christmas entertainment.

The stage was seasonally decorated with small Christmas trees. Between the speeches Christmas carols were rendered by the senior choir. The Misses G. Haines, A. Myers, E. Edwards, B. Chisholm and I. Gray contributed musical numbers.

Maj. L. Bullock Webster, organizer of school and community drama, and Miss Margaret Clay, city librarian, acted as judges. The judges complimented the contestants on their tone of voice and the organization of their speeches. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of the significance given to the value of tolerance and home training.

In the senior division, prizes donated by Bishop J. C. Cody were awarded to Miss Helen Stewart for her speech on "What Are We Defending?" and to Miss Winnifred Morgan for "Victory Is Worth the Price One Pays."

In the junior division, prizes

Loan Collection Of Fine Paintings Opens Monday

Art lovers will find an opportunity for quiet relaxation during the holiday rush in viewing the loan collection of fine paintings which will open in the art gallery at David Spencer's Ltd., Monday morning at 9.30. Admission is free, but a collection box will be handy for those who care to take the opportunity of making a contribution to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. The exhibition will be open during the store hours daily until Jan. 9.

The loan collection has been arranged by Mrs. Donald Campbell and, although small in number, the paintings cover a wide period, ranging from the 17th century to the modern school.

Major Harry Walker has loaned five notable pictures from his collection. Outstanding is the lovely "On the Cliffs," painted by Sir John Lavery in 1911, and of particular interest because it is one of the rare landscapes by this famous English portrait painter.

The work of a modern Italian artist, Bruno Croatto, is represented in two unusual studies, "Ritratto di Signorina," a portrait of a strong, serene Italian woman, painted in Rome in 1911, and "La Madonna," a still-life study, showing grapes, pears and other fruits posed before a charming figure of a medieval Madonna.

In striking contrast are the other two works from Major Walker's collection, a lovely pastel of Notre Dame, Paris, by Leonard R. Squirrel and entitled "Autumn Morning," which was exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1928, and "Portrait of Maria Harriet Day," a water-color by E. J. Parris. Parris was an English artist who lived from 1793 to 1873, and this study, after Sir Thos. Lawrence, reveals the influence of the great English master, who was a contemporary, and perhaps the teacher, of Parris.

Mr. and Mrs. David James Angus have loaned two oils to the exhibition. "Woodland Lane" is a lovely example of the work of the celebrated artist, Roussau, while the Dutch school is represented in "Interior of a Cathedral" by Johannes Beasboom.

The Misses Muriel and Lena Galt have loaned a charming French water color to the collection.

Six of the paintings have been lent by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spencer. The Italian school is represented in a large oil painting of the Adoration, the work of an unknown artist and a copy of the original hung in the Pitti Palace, Florence. A watercolor by Cabani shows a quiet, restful pastoral scene, with cattle lazily drinking at a wayside stream against a pattern of tree-fringed meadows.

Rather suggestive of the Flemish school is a very old painting by an unknown artist "Moses in the Bulrushes," notable for the luminous light upon the figures. A 17th century artist painted the large oil showing medieval travelers outside a city gates, while from the Dutch school is a little gem of humor, a tiny study of a peasant couple seated at a table, the woman making a laughing grimace as the man tries to steal a kiss. "Head of a Girl in a Red Shawl" is another lovely bit of color by an unknown artist, suggestive of the Continental school.

Flt. Lt. and Mrs. Donald Campbell have loaned three pictures, one by a French artist and one by a British. Notable for its luminous reflection of moonlight in the water and dappled shadows through the trees is the "Nocturne; Memoire de la Lune," by Francois Chas. Cachoud, painted in 1925 and hung in the Paris Salon. "Snow Scene," by Peter White, is another lovely study showing the play of the sunlight upon the distant snowy ridge, with the figures of skiers in the shadowy foreground.

Newfoundland Fire

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Firemen from St. John's sped Friday to Carboneau, 60 miles from here, and gained control of a fire after it had destroyed a hotel and a store and threatened extensive damage to the town's business section.

The Parsons Hotel and W. B. Finn's store were burned to the ground, but the firemen saved adjoining structures. Communication lines between Carboneau and St. John's were put out of commission for a time.

There were no casualties, donated by Rev. Mother Mary Mildred, Provincial Superior, were won by Miss Winnifred Gagnon, speaking on "Propaganda," and Miss Drucilla O'Connell, "No Room—1942."

The contestants were introduced by Miss Miriam Lineham, president of St. Ann's Student Association.

Jubilee Will Study Group Hospital Plan

Royal Jubilee Hospital board of directors at a meeting Friday ordered the finance committee to study group hospital plans, with a view of inaugurating such a plan here. It was felt by the board such a plan would benefit the community if satisfactorily worked out.

Monthly reports showed that in November both revenue and expenditure were the highest in the history of the hospital. The number of patients treated was the largest since January, 1941. There were 640 admissions, and 65 babies born. The hospital was filled to capacity during the month, and the staff taxed to cope with the work.

Report of the A.R.P. section showed 64 nurses had passed through the gas chamber at the hospital.

The board acknowledged with thanks a \$400 gift from John Dean on his 92nd birthday. The Junior Women's Auxiliary was congratulated on success of its doll bazaar.

During November the hospital was inspected by Victoria Fire Department officers, who reported conditions satisfactory.

Work on a watermain, which will give the hospital better protection in case of fire, was started at a cost of \$1,717. The city will pay \$800.

The directors discussed at length difficulties of operating the hospital under the present conditions with the staff depleted by members joining the forces, and shortages of supplies.

SAANICH VETERANS

The annual meeting of the Saanich Peninsula branch of the Canadian Legion showed from the report that the branch was in a healthy condition; both financially and in its activities. During the year the branch sponsored the Salvation Army home services drive in the Saanich Peninsula, and the sum of \$300 was raised. A successful poppy campaign was also conducted. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, F. E. Collin; first vice-president, Walter Jones; second vice-president, T. Griggs; honorary secretary, Wm. Douglas; executive committee, W. Garrard, A. Tomlinson, B. Deacon; W. J. Wakefield and H. E. Pinning.



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ENGLISH SWEET PICCALILLI, BRAND'S, 10-oz. jar . . . 45c

SWEET CAULIFLOWER AND ONIONS, LIBBY'S, 12-oz. jar . . . 25c

SWEET MIXED PICKLES, BRAND'S, 20-oz. jar . . . 60c

MARASCHINO CHERRIES, 5-oz. bottle, 29c

6-oz. 45c 16-oz. 75c

CREAM DE MENTHE CHERRIES, 3-oz. bottle

17c 3-oz. 29c

CHEERIO BISCUITS, CHRISTIE'S, thin, crisp, celery-flavored wafers, pkt. . . 15c

SODA WATER SCHWEPES, handy split-size bottles, 3 for 50c

CALIFORNIA KHADRAWI DATES, Extra choice table dates, per lb. . . 55c

Also packed in assorted sizes.

BRANDY AND RUM FLAVORING, for flavor and pep in your pudding sauce; . . . 25c

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PEAS, 12-oz. . . 20c

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ASPARAGUS TIPS, 12-oz. . . 45c

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CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, CLARK'S, a delicious beginning for your dinner; 10-oz. tin . . . 11c

TOMATO JUICE, VAN CAMP'S, an ideal base for that tomato juice cocktail; 48-oz. tin . . . 24c

CHILI SAUCE AND TOMATO CHUTNEY, HEINZ, spicy, medium hot; 12-oz. bottle . . . 29c

ASPARAGUS-STYLE GREEN BEANS, AYLMER, fancy Kentucky Wonder; 20c

20c

ROYAL CITY, size No. 16; 16-oz. tin . . . 15c

CHEESE RITZ, Christie's, small appetizing cocktail wafers, pkt. . . 12c

GINGER ALE, CANADA DRY, 1.47

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GOLD BAND WINES, Port and Cherry, 50c

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'White Christmas' is No Dream for Canada's Navy Men



War doesn't halt for yuletide and if the fires burn brightly at home this year it's thanks to such men as this sturdy sea-dog standing watch on patrol.



These are the kind of Christmas crackers which will be exploded by the boys of the Canadian Navy if they happen to get scent of a German or Jap sub in the

vicinity of their ship. In this photo, a corvette is shown as she blasts the ocean with powerful depth charges, dropped in a pattern to trap a prowling enemy U-boat.



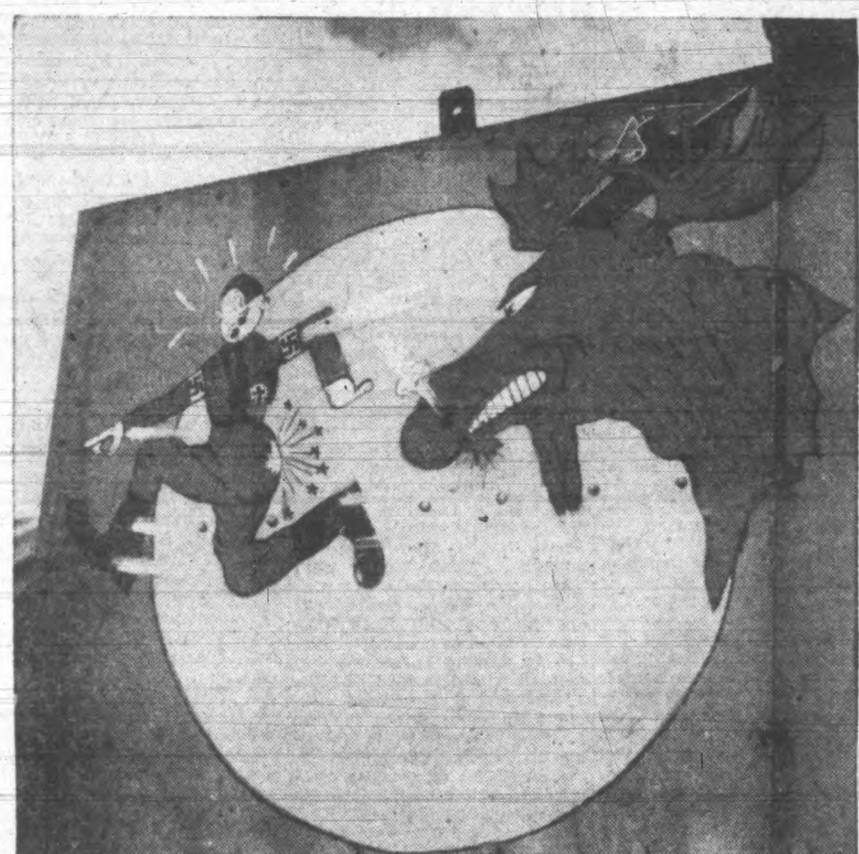
Our men in the air force and army will have to spend another Christmas away from home this year but most will at least be more comfortable than this sailor.



It's colder than using the wireless room for transmitting messages, but it's a lot safer. Once at sea, ships of the convoy silence wireless and communicate by means of blinkers such as the one shown here being operated by heavily-clad tars.



This isn't a freak picture. It's just the every-day accumulation of ice which builds up on a ship soon after she sets out on the north Atlantic in winter.



Only the game hunter knows the terror of an enraged bull moose — Little Adolf Shikleguber is finding out for himself on the crest of the corvette Moose Jaw. He probably wishes he had stuck to paper hanging — Most ships have such crests.



There'll still be time for Christmas dinner even if there is a war on! Cooks are shown fixing up good old plum puddings "just like mother used to make."



Here's one of the "nerve centres" from which our naval activity on both oceans is directed. On this huge map is told the story of the convoy from beginning to the

end of its perilous journey. United States and Canadian naval officers work side by side on important job because what happens on this map concerns both countries.



Speckled with frozen spray, a sailor wonders how the folk back home are spending Christmas season as his ship guards a convoy far out on the wind-swept ocean.

Cut This Out and Mail to the Boys and Girls Overseas

Postal regulations now forbid sending whole newspapers to troops in England, but clippings of this size may be sent.

DEAR—One medium bombing plane crashed off Salt Spring Island and another farther up the coast. Dead are two R.A.F. boys and missing are one R.A.F. and seven R.C.A.F. men. The R.A.F. boys are all from England, the R.C.A.F. from other parts of Canada. U.S. and N.Z. ... Threatened strike of 2,000 street car men tying up transportation in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster was averted just before the 4 a.m. deadline when a compromise agreement was effected by the regional war labor board. The men accepted "under protest" an agreement under which they would receive a 45-cent-a-week cost of living bonus retroactive to Feb. 15, 1942.

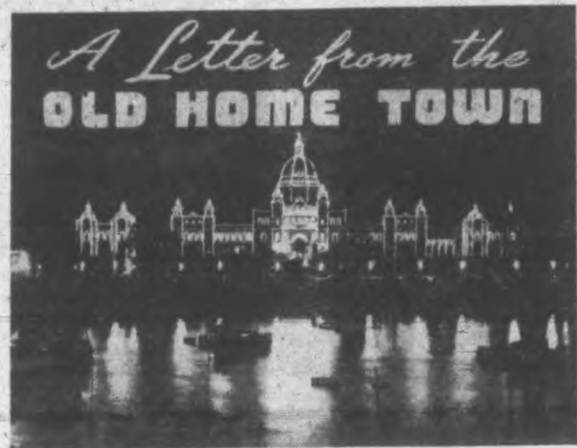
COMMANDOES STRIKE AT Dawn, movie produced by Columbia in and around Victoria last summer, was given its world premiere before 1,200 persons at the Capitol Theatre under the management of President Louis Glazen and members of the Gyro Club. Showing realized \$4,000 for comforts for the armed services stationed on this island. ... British Columbia legislature will open Tuesday, Feb. 2. ... Pre-Christmas party of 100 executives and office staff members of the V.M.D. was staged at the Empress Hotel. Presentations were a ship model to Manager H. S. Hamill, a "conducted tour" megaphone to Works Superintendent G. Couper; Ethyl and Standard bodies with eyepopper to Transit Controller and Personnel Director C. A. Clements; toy telephone to Purchasing Agent T. A. Kennedy, and pair of composition soles with neck chain to Chairman David R. Anderson, controller and alleged walking champion of the plant.

SGT. JIM ASSELSTINE, R.C.A.F., convalescing after a crash nine months ago in England, has returned home on leave to Victoria. ... Sale of all whipping cream will end on Jan. 1 under a Price Board order. ... Cpl. Frank Goldie, who was reported as missing at Dieppe, is now known to be a prisoner. ... Extra tea, sugar and coffee for Christmas parties has been refused by the Price Board. ... Eliza Emily Johns, 73, widow of former Alderman Albion Johns, died. ... Farmers are asking B.C. Game Department to reduce shotgun license from \$6 to \$3, so they may cope with predatory animals causing damage. ... B.C. chiropractors are asking the government to permit them to come under the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act. ... Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Woodward attended the annual Christmas party at the Solarium. "I know no other organization that is doing so much good," he said. ... I.O.D.E. air raid shelter in the basement of the Dominion Bank was officially opened by Mrs. A. H. C. Phipps, regent.

JAPAN may collapse before Germany, with the war in the Pacific ending before that in Europe. ... Lt. L. H. Parker, British Intelligence, told the Rotarians. ... Sgt. Sydney Northington, who married Dorothy Wolfe of Victoria, is now prisoner in Malaya. He was serving with the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. ... Some Saanich schoolrooms are getting new type non-glare lighting. School board has ordered a number of DayLume fluorescent. ... Ft. Walsh is the latest 10,000-ton freighter to be launched here. She was christened by Mrs. J. I. Walsh, who came over from Seattle.

STARRING in the Little Theatre production of the grand old farce, "Are You a Mason?" were Harry J. Davis, Les Lamb, Jack Reynolds, Mrs. M. C. Ridley, Noel Casack and Connie Thompson. ... Ken Bonner is a prisoner of war in Shanghai, his mother learns through the Red Cross. ... Coach and Horses, Esquimalt's booming beer parlor, may be taken over as barracks for servicemen. ... Taking Christmas exams at Vic College are 230 students. Males of military age who don't make good marks face army conscription. ... Civil servants at the Parliament Buildings had to speed up their work to keep warm; reason—coal shortage. Furnaces eat 10 tons of coal a day and on two days this week the supply ran out. "I guess we'll have to get used to it, wear warmer clothes and bring blankets with us," said a high official. ... Capt. George MacGregor of Victoria Tug Co., after a long trial before Judge "Snoddy," was fined \$1 for paying more than the ruling price for coal hauling and handling.

DIMOUT ORDERS are being eased a bit in Victoria, especially as they affect the blanking of slits in motor car headlights. Vancouver dimout has been ordered to begin Jan. 15, but business interests there are still objecting. Navy men report sky glow from Vancouver can be seen miles off in the Pacific, sil-



houetting Vancouver Island. ... Pupils at Victoria public and private schools are being fitted with gas masks and being given daily 10-minute gas mask drills. ... To city police and A.R.P. personnel, 3,000 gas masks have been distributed. Altogether, 40,000 will be distributed in Greater Victoria. ... Speaking to the Lions, R. W. Mayhew, M.P., urged post-war planning for generations in the future. Said he, "There is very little difference in my opinion of our strategy for peace or to defeat Hitler." ... J. L. Plant, Victoria boy who flew German Gep. Ritter Von Thoma as a prisoner from Africa to London, has been promoted to group captain, R.C.A.F. ... Vancouver has cut venereal disease by 33 per cent by closing houses of prostitution, Dr. G. F. Amyot of the Provincial Board of Health, reports.

MRS. R. BARCLAY-ROSS, provincial commandant of B.C. for the C.A.T.S., has been promoted second in command of the National Council. ... After April 30 next, cigarettes will be sold in packages containing no less than 18. ... W. E. G. Crisford is urging opening of movies on Sunday evenings for the troops. He recalls the warmth and distraction of the London cinemas on Sundays for the troops on leave over there in the last war. ... A soldier-sailor for Christmas campaign has been launched again by the Auxiliary Services' Hospitality Committee. Persons speaking French are being asked to entertain French-Canadian troops now here.

STREET CAR headlights in Victoria have been hooded and blinds are being pulled down after dark. ... Christmas concert at Vic High under Miss Norma Douglas was attended by 1,200. High School orchestra was under Al Prescott. George Bosdet, a '42 graduate, came back to sing two old Christmas favorites. ... R.C.A.F. hockeyists beat Army at the Arena, 5 to 4, after 10 minutes overtime. Three nights later, V.M.D. team, in the cellar position of the league, stepped out and beat Navy, 7 to 5. Then Army beat V.M.D. 9 to 5. ... Mrs. Ken Lawson won the Lansdowne Cup tournament at Uplands Golf Club. ... Recruiting officers are seeking 2,000 more Cwacs in B.C. ... Real Estate Board is protesting the Ottawa order prohibiting the purchase of a house from turning out a tenant before the expiration of 12 months.

COL. GORDON KENNING, who in 1941 organized No. 16 General Hospital and later took it to England, has returned to Victoria from London. ... Victoria Symphony Orchestra has been revived under Miss Sara Spencer as president with an expected membership of 500. ... Handel's

A Line on the Troops



In England these days, "double date" doesn't always mean a social foursome; it may include two soldiers and only one girl. The attention of David Low, famed British artist, was caught by the sight of a pretty little British Waaf arm-in-arming between a Canadian and a U.S. private. This, said Low as he sketched, "is real hands-across-the-sea stuff."

ette, school paper; an editorial comeback in which they call him a "stuffed shirt."

UNIVERSITY Women's Club members go on record expressing appreciation to Dean Spencer Elliott for his campaign against vice houses in Victoria. ... Gertrude A. Curry is resigning from the staff of Jubilee Hospital after 15 years, there as assistant director of nursing. ... H. S. Watson, 19, left Kent's Ltd. to become a gunner in the army. Now his mother, Mrs. I. Watson, has joined the Cwacs. ... J. R. "Bun" McIlreath, D.S.O., who led the first Canadian trench raid in France in 1915, has been appointed commanding officer of the 114th Infantry (Reserve) Veterans' Guard of Canada. He succeeds Major J. A. Deaf, retired. ... P. O. R. O. Marjion, former Times newsmen, has arrived overseas with the R.C.A.F. ... Percy Wells was taken to hospital with an injured left knee after a collision with a car driven by David Loggin.

VOLUME OF GIFT parcels for the troops is held responsible for the 10 per cent increase in Christmas expressed shipments this year out of Victoria. ... About 30 tons of Christmas holly are being shipped from Victoria. In two weeks before Christmas, usual average is 10,000 packages addressed to individuals. Chamber of Commerce has cut to 250 the number of holly card will boxes it is sending to various parts of the country. ... Victoria is planning the usual gay New Year's Eve parties. Hotel top prices this year will be \$10 a couple. Liquor stores will operate on the usual hours Dec. 31 to handle the rush.

RUSSELL KER, who took an anti-aircraft battery overseas, has now been promoted to the rank of full colonel. ... Lt. John C. Clare, who was Public Relations Officer at Western Air Command in Victoria early this year, is now the first Canadian Public Relations Officer in the north-African war theatre. ... Controversy over proposals to cut down Victoria's famed Balm of Gilead tree at Blanshard and McClellan Streets has ended with a decision to spare the tree, but to have it pruned. ... City Council approved Alderman George's resolution endorsing "the relentless efforts of the provincial health authorities to eliminate houses of ill-fame in this city."

MISS MARIA LAWSON, pioneer newspaperwoman of the Pacific Coast, celebrated her 90th birthday. ... Mrs. J. Baylis is now president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Queen Alexandra Soldiers' Home. ... "It's going to be just as ungrateful to hoard housing space as it is to hoard sugar," Helen Hurn told the Local Council of Women. She pleaded for efforts to find shelter for families of servicemen. ... Latest Red Cross list shows the following Victorians prisoners of the Japs in Hongkong: Capt. S. O. Hill, Capt. D. L. Strellett, Capt. R. E. Valentine, 2nd Lieut. E. H. Clark, Sgt. D. Dods, Pte. E. T. Harrington, Gnr. F. Henningson, Pte. P. L. Morphew, Sgt. O. H. Piercy. ... On the coast from Ottawa on an inspection tour is Lt. Col. Joan Kennedy of the Cwacs. ...

R. E. AULT, former leader of the G.W.V.A., died at his Campbell River Road farm. ... SA. Francis Quinlan, one of the Canadian Navy men killed in the Knights of Columbus are at St. John's, Nfld., was an Equimant in the early part of the war. ... Milk prices in Victoria have been reduced 2 cents a quart to 11 cents. Reduction was made by order of the Price Board, which is making up the difference to the producers.

VICTORIA IS GOING to have chlorinated water, with the Dominion government paying the costs, estimated at \$56,862 for installation and \$7,850 a year for operation. ... Sailors in the Victoria area, as well as army and airmen, will get their Christmas pay Dec. 21. ... J. R. L. Burridge and Mrs. Fransine Paterson were re-elected by acclamation to the Saanich School Board. ... James H. Rogers, 82, for years one of the heads of the White Pass and Yukon Railway, and father of Cliff, Harrison, Clyde, Ralph, Wilfrid, who all went to the old Central School, died in Seattle. ... Bill Cameron, Victoria-born boy and grandson of the late William Munroe, is now a welfare officer in the R.C.A.F. overseas. He went to England in June, 1941, and as a flight officer was in action over the Frisians, where he was once injured by flak but managed to navigate home. He recently visited London to say good-bye to his sister, Mrs. Marian Hale, returning to Canada after nine months with the Motor Transport Corps.

CHRISTMAS frolic distributed 50 prizes, including 10 turkeys. ... Douglas Alan Skiesley, 22, yeoman of signals in the navy, is officially reported to have lost his life in the Knights of Columbus fire at St. John's, Nfld. ... Walter P. Murphy, Chicago millionaire manufacturer of railroad equipment, who brought the millionaire yacht Intrepid to Vic-

toria several years ago, is dead. Two years ago he bought Mira Loma, country estate at Sidney of the late Lieut. Governor Nichol.

CANADIANS will soon face more severe food rationing, Professor J. A. Scott Watson, British co-ordinator of food production, warned on a visit to Victoria. ... Exemption from military service for farm laborers is asked by Advisory Board B.C. Farmers' Institute meeting in Victoria. ... For failing to attend parade of the Third Battalion 18th Canadian Scottish, Frank Bearpark was fined \$5. ... Kilodon House, the former Ross Sutherland home on Foul Bay Road, has been formally opened as living quarters for girls of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) under ASO, B. L. Fraser. ... Opening day guests brought lamps, pictures, games, books, ash trays, and the call has gone out for thermos bottles and lunch pails. The 60 girls now in residence there call it a "super barracks," because of its spacious rooms with mahogany and other hardwood paneling, floors, great open fireplaces and huge billiard room.

CHRISTMAS bonuses of \$120 and \$320 for married cases are now being distributed by the City Welfare Office. ... More husky women are being called to take six weeks' course in electric welding for work in Victoria shipyards. ... R.C.A.F. boys in the Victoria area are to be allowed Christmas Day and New Year's Day leave wherever possible. ... Kyocut Trolleys Co-operative in its 12th annual meeting at Bamfield, attended by 405 member fishermen, showed 2,605,960 pounds of fish taken, and 32,000 pounds of livers, realizing \$411,909, with a net surplus of \$29,665, which holdback was returned to the fishermen at the rate of 11 per cent on the total value of delivery. ... Attorney-General Maitland's son, Sub-Lieut. Robert R. Maitland of the navy, is home from England on leave after an operation.

OLIVER M. PRENTICE was elected president of the Victoria Centre, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. ... B.C. coal production continues to fall, being 141,649 tons last month against 167,450 tons the same month last year. Island mines are down to 57,225 tons from 66,859 tons a year ago. ... Chamber of Commerce and Municipal Councils of Greater Victoria are backing the move to have radio station CJVI brought into the CBC system. ... A.W.I. Helen Lewthwaite, R.C.A.F. is ill with meningitis in Dartmouth, N.S. ... Mrs. Loma E. Mabel was fined \$100 for trying to take \$1,000 Canadian money across the border to her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Vadie was fined \$10 in American currency in her purse aboard the Ss. Princess Alice. ... Attorney-General Pat Maitland, back from the Winnipeg Conservative convention, said he thought the policy of reform announced by new leader John Bracken is being taken sincerely across the country and "I think it is inevitable and necessary that it must come."

Merry Christmas From Canada

ARMY PROVOST Sgt. Richard Lemire, 21, was killed on the Albert road when his motorcycle collided with an oil tank truck. ... George Colard and Mary Vowles were fined \$20 for dimout speeding. Peter Martin \$5 for not having his headlights dimmed out. Henry Fred Hull \$10 on a similar charge. ... Ft. Sgt. A. G. (Geoff) Lee of William Head is reported killed in R.C.A.F. actions last October overseas. ... John F. Wood was elected president of Ward 2 Liberals. ... W. B. Newman has been graduated as air navigator from No. 9 Air Observers' School, St. John, Que. ... Oak Bay's population shows a 55 per cent jump in the last census to 9,086 with 2,865 houses now in the municipality, Oak Bay Incorporated, announced. Reave Woodhouse announced, Oak Bay invested \$90,000 in the second Victoria Loan, \$20,000 in the third. ... Retiring chairman How Peterson of the school board reported an increase of 200 pupils in public schools since the beginning of the war. ... John Dean celebrates his 92nd birthday, declaring himself not interested in living to be 100, despite the wishes of his friends. ... Alexander Benjamin Crump, 84, up-island pioneer, died at Qualicum.

SGT. VERNON BRUCE, Oaklands and Vic High School boy, is back home convalescing.

Santa's Victory Christmas



He spent a gruelling night in a half-filled lifeboat tossed by ice-cold waves of north Atlantic after a torpedoing. ... Capt. William Penny was fined \$25 for speeding on the Island Highway after his car was in collision with an army truck. ... Thomas Jennings, Cabal B. K. Clark, Paul Schultz, Arthur William Knapp are among the latest to be fined for dimout speeding. ... Phyllis E. Holroyde, who has been training at the Wrens' school at Galt, Ont., is now a third officer. ... Capt. Dave Fyvie's daughter, Isabelle, is coming home on leave from the R.C.A.F. school at Macdonald, Man., where she is an AW2. ... Knights of Columbus hostel, with 200 beds for the troops, a canteen, lounge, three tennis tables, six showers was opened by Lieutenant-Governor Woodward in the former United Church Chinese Mission home, 732 Cormorant Street.

BRITISH COLUMBIANS have taken out \$325,000,000 of war risk insurance. ... New federal orders cutting sales of beer by 10 per cent, wines by 20 per cent and spirits by 30 per cent, may cut B.C.'s liquor profits from \$5,000,000 a year to as low as \$3,000,000, it is estimated. Feared that by this time next year B.C.'s liquor stores and beer parlors may run dry. ... Bonus of \$10 for 200 Victoria pensioners is proposed by D. R. Baemmer as a Christmas good wishes gesture from the city. ... Twenty-four-year-old twins, Maurice and Sidney of the 5th Armored Division Signals in England, have written their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerslake, telling how much they appreciate the weekly Old Home Town News Letters in the Victoria Times. They've had them all from the first. The boys, who are both six feet one-and-a-half inches tall, write they certainly like to get news from home and they are well fed over there: "And mind you," says Mrs. Kerslake, "when they say that they mean it, because they are both fellows who like their eats."

NEWLYWEDS are Myrtle Fredrica Lidgate and John Whitehead, R.C.A.F. Betty Ann Duncan and William Grunow, Constance Knox and Dr. Hugh Atwood, Frances Marie Odout and AB. George Bernard Olson, R.C.N.R., Ruth Rosser and LAC. Beverley McDonald, R.C.A.F., Isabel Jane Caldwell and Writer Lionel R. Lyon, R.C.N.V.R., Lenora Olive Trickett and Alfred James Williams, Nursing Sister

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Until next week and with the best of luck, (Sign)

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NOTICE

DIMOUT REGULATIONS

require that the window blinds in street cars and buses remain drawn during the dimout period set for each day.

Passengers, therefore, are requested not to raise the window blinds after the dimout period begins in the evening, or before it ends in the early morning.

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By Hal Cochran





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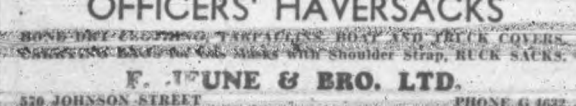


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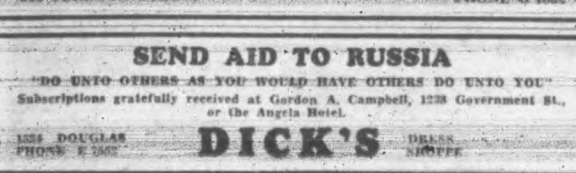


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TOWN TOPICS

Annual meeting of Ward 1 Liberal Association will be held at Liberal headquarters Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

Bill Bridgwood reported to police Friday evening that his garage, Broad and Pandora, was robbed of \$15 while he was out for five minutes at 5:30.

Lai Sun, a Chinese, reported to police at 1 this morning that he was struck over the head with a wrench wielded by one of two young men while he was entering his premises at 371 1/2 Cormorant Street.

Gerald Murray-Dixon was taken home after receiving first aid at the police station at 8 this morning following a collision between his bicycle and an auto driven by Eustace Taylor, at Government and Belleville Streets at 7:45. Murray-Dixon suffered a cut over the right eye and bruises to his face and left leg.

Eight Victorians and four men from other parts of Vancouver are in the latest list of accepted recruits to the R.C.A.F. They were all enlisted through No. 1 Recruiting Centre, Vancouver.

The Victorians are A. Beattie, 2573 Rose; A. Ireland, 325 Simcoe; K. C. Beatty, 2568 Estevan; R. T. Mair, 114 Ladysmith; J. W. Mason, 562 Sumas; R. F. Smith, 542 Langford; R. E. Campbell, 1128 Dallas and W. J. Evans, 2509 Cavendish.

Other Islanders are C. A. Russell, Chemainus; D. T. Edwards, and A. E. P. Nunn, Cumberland, and F. Foster, Nanaimo.

The "Victory Parade" and a "Canadian Fairy Tale" were much applauded.

The choir of 100 voices rendered Handel's "Largo" creditably whilst the song, "The Lass With the Delicate Air" was excellent.

Trustee J. R. Burridge made a few remarks and in doing so congratulated Principal A. Cullen and the staff on the very fine program.

The program was repeated on the following day when Trustee M. Paterson, on behalf of those present, thanked the staff and children for their splendid showing.

Responding to the call of farmers, who claimed that about a score of sheep had been killed, Game Warden Jones' dog Prince caught up with the raiding animal a month ago, but came off second best, being severely mauled.

Early Friday, Jones set out again following a report that more sheep had been attacked, determined to get the raider. As Prince was still in hospital recovering from a mauled shoulder, the hunter took along two other dogs, a bloodhound and a crosshound, which soon tracked down the animal.

The cougar was treed on the Sooke Highway, near Kangaroo Road, and a well-placed shot between the eyes ended the cougar's career.

**Sheep Mauled Cougar
Shot on Sooke Road**

Game Warden J. W. Jones on Friday bagged a large female cougar which had for weeks been worrying sheep in the Sooke and Metchesin areas.

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'Parents Surprised I Looked So Well'— Sgt. Jim Asselstine

"Boy, were my parents tickled to see me looking so well," Sgt. Pilot Jim Asselstine, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Asselstine, 1149 Faithful Street, exclaimed this morning, a few hours after his arrival here from Vancouver.

Jim, who cracked up in England March 29 while on a training flight and suffered compound fractures of the left leg, a punctured lung, fractured ribs, concussion and shock, followed later by pneumonia, was in hospital for nine months, six of which he never stirred out of his bed.

"They didn't expect me to be looking nearly as well as I am," he laughed, "and they're sure happy about what those military doctors did for me overseas."

Jim arrived in Canada just a week ago and came straight home except for one day stopovers in Winnipeg and Vancouver. In the former city he stopped to see his sister.

Jim is up and about and his hours are his own now. He says he is bothered little by the injuries he suffered, which for two weeks after the crash, nearly caused his death.

"It was tough and go," he remarked. "They pumped six pints of Red Cross blood into me. The doctors over there are wonderful. I think they've made 20 years progress since the war started."

The son of the former British Columbia Minister of Mines says he can hardly wait to get back. He reports to Ottawa Jan. 10 for a medical, which will tell him whether or not he stays in Canada or gets back to England to have a crack at Jerry.

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OBITUARY

Terrie, Williams and Terrie reported to police today that a Ford truck, license number CB 834, had been stolen from their garage.

Seven building permits, representing aggregate values of \$1,705, were issued by the city building inspector's department this week.

RIDDLER—Rev. T. H. McAllister conducted the service today for Sheron Agnes Riddler in the Chapel of Sands Mortuary. Interment at Royal Oak.

JOHNS—Dr. A. E. Whitehouse will conduct the funeral service for Mrs. Eliza Emily Johns Monday at 2 in the Sands Mortuary. Interment at Ross Bay.

WILSON—Rev. G. A. Reynolds will conduct the funeral service for Harry Wilson Monday at 2. Interment at Colwood. McCall Bros. are in charge.

TRUDELL—The remains of Mrs. Wilmina Trudell were sent to Nanaimo today, where funeral services and interment will take place. The Thomson Funeral Home have charge.

DYER—The funeral for Miss Verena Mumford-Dyer will be held Monday at 2 in St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn officiating. Interment in St. John's Churchyard, Colwood. The Thomson Funeral Home have charge.

COONEY—The death occurred Friday evening at the family residence, 2154 Belmont Avenue, of Benjamin Cooney, 89. Born in Peterborough, Ont., he had lived in Victoria 30 years. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. Hamilton and Miss Rachel Cooney, both at the family residence, three nieces and four nephews. McCall Bros. will announce funeral arrangements later.

Ask Uniformed Men To Holiday Parties

"Any service boys who are lonely and would appreciate a family party" are the most frequently invited guests this Christmas, according to the Auxiliary Services Home Hospitality Committee.

The citizens of the Victoria are giving evidence of their enthusiastic co-operation in obtaining homes for the men and women of services during the holidays.

Many prairie people who have moved here recently are having their Christmas turkey sent out from their old home, and are asking troops from the prairies to share it with them.

Some people suggest that the boys drop in and get acquainted before Christmas, so that none of the fun and informality of Christmas may be wasted in "breaking the ice."

Although some make definite requests as to the age of their prospective guests, the branch of service, birthplace, etc., with a view to establishing common interests, many more say simply "any lonely boy." For many families in Victoria, the invited guests will take the place of their own sons and daughters who are posted to other sections of the Dominion, or even farther.

Those wishing to issue holiday invitations are asked to contact Miss Ellen Hart or Mrs. A. Inglis, who are in charge, by phoning mornings to E-3412, and afternoons G-5425.

Hostel Open Today For Servicemen

Balmoral Women's Service Centre was opened for women members of the three services Friday afternoon, when a crowd of girls visited the hostel. Some will sleep at the centre tonight.

The hostel, in the building formerly known as the Balmoral Hotel, will have accommodation for upwards of 100 women after about a year's permanent hotel guests, who have not yet found other accommodation, leave and certain renovations have been made.

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Board Conducting Telephone Survey Of City Housing

A telephone survey of every available inch of housing accommodation in Greater Victoria is now being conducted by the Women's Regional Advisory Committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

To date patriotic appeals have been made to about 4,000 householders by a staff of two dozen voluntary workers, who are phoning from their homes and the Canadian Auxiliary Territorial Service office in the Arcade Building.

The survey is being made for the Real Property Administration, who has been empowered to take the necessary steps to make available for war workers, servicemen and civilians their wives and families, all unused housing accommodation.

The women who are telephoning now are using lists of names, but Mrs. Winifred E. Rayfuse, who is in charge of the housing registry here, said it is intended to phone all 15,000 numbers in the telephone directory.

An average of one householder in 15 has offered accommodation of some kind, mainly sleeping accommodation. On the other hand, the greatest demand is for house-keeping rooms and apartments.

Mrs. Rayfuse reports an average of three dozen persons daily come to her office in the Central Building seeking housing accommodation. At present she is only able to satisfy one-third of those making applications.

Many of the householders who have offered accommodation, she said, are making changes in their dwellings to provide more room.

Mrs. Rayfuse said that because a housing list was being used before the telephone directory, some persons would be called twice but she said this could not be avoided because the registry must find accommodation at once for servicemen and war workers.

The Y.W.C.A. will continue to handle accommodation for servicemen, their wives and families.

TO GET NEW OFFICE

In the meantime plans are being made to establish a larger central office for the government housing registry. It is felt here the housing registry will ultimately have charge of renting all housing accommodation here.

Studies are being made now to decide whether similar housing surveys will be conducted at Duncan, Nanaimo and Alberni, where there are also marked housing shortages.

While the survey is being made for the real property administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the registry is administered by the Consumer Branch of the Prices Board.

As the survey proceeds the public is questioning whether billeting will be made compulsory in all buildings with available space, including government and public buildings, and whether rates will be set for such accommodation.

Few Citizens Vote In Municipal Polls

Returning officer reported at noon today the vote for reeve and council in Saanich, and council and police commission in Esquimalt was comparatively light, while officers in Oak Bay reported a heavier vote than last year for the school board.

In Saanich five men are running for reeve. They finished their election campaign in Hampton Hall Friday night, four reeve candidates and one council candidate speaking there.

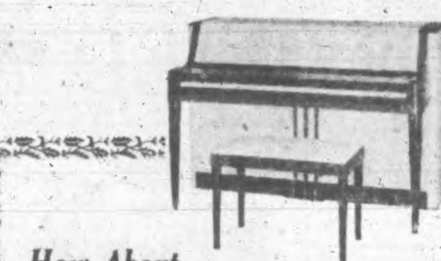
Candidates for reeve are acting Reeve E. C. Warren, former reeve, L. H. Passmore; W. H. Robertson, Councillor John Watson and F. J. Speed, the last named a newcomer to Saanich politics.

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Lower License Fees To Be Debated

Much is expected to be heard at the February session of the Legislature about lower automobile license fees.

B.C. Automobile Association some weeks ago asked the provincial government to lower the annual fees to \$10.

Now two coalition members of the Legislature are asking for lower fees.

Dr. J. J. Gillis, Liberal, Yale, said "in my opinion, I have no objection in saying that I am heavily in favor of the lower license fee of \$10. I spoke about it several times in the House last session but received no encouragement."

R. C. Macdonald, Conservative, Dewdney, wrote to the automobile association: "Your petition is not only in the public interest but also in the government's interest. As a member of the Legislature you can rely on my support and co-operation 100 per cent."

Seven motorists were fined \$25.00 for parking convictions in police court today. A taxi driver was fined \$5 each on charges of failing to produce a driver's license and soliciting more than six feet away from his vehicle.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

LOT OF CRITICISM has been passed along our way in recent weeks over the ever-increasing habit of local sports events starting late. The other day one irate fan buzzed us on the phone and protested against the rugby matches getting away 10 or 15 minutes late every week. "I have been to every game this season but am getting tired of waiting around at least 10 minutes after the scheduled time for the teams to start play," he said. "Unless they start getting the clubs on the field at the proper time, I know of two regular patrons who are going to be missing."

And rugby is not the only sport at fault. Soccer games have been behind time on several occasions while the weekly hockey games have quite often kept the fans waiting. When two local clubs are participating, it is hard to understand this tardiness. Big trouble is the players get away with it once and it becomes a habit. It is just as easy to get started on the dot. As a matter of fact, the hockey league has a penalty clause in its constitution for teams being late to take the ice, and it might be a good idea for the other sports to follow suit. Penalize a tardy club and we'll guarantee that will soon put a stop to the practice.

Hank Rowe, M.M., is back home for another month. Victoria's famous athlete went over to Vancouver the other day to report for duty, and it was found that he was suffering from a dislocated

jaw. That brought a month's sick leave. Hank wasn't a bit sorry, as it meant being home for Christmas and New Year's. But Hank still can't figure out just when he put that jaw out of place.

Victory of Whirlaway in that \$15,000 Louisiana Handicap is reminiscent of Sgt. Joe Louis' Bum-of-the-Month Club. With only Bay Meadows operating in California, and prospects none too bright in Florida, Whirlaway is picking up what he can.

It is Warren Wright's ambition to put the little dark chestnut's record winnings beyond the reach of the swifter and more durable stayers which will come along in happier days.

Whirlaway's junkie to the Fair Grounds further illustrates what the war has done to winter racing.

But for the holocaust, the stretch-burning son of Blenheim II would again be at fabulous Santa Anita, where he checked in a year ago just in time to catch Pearl Harbor.

Bay Meadows—out for war funds—now has California all to itself. The army occupies Santa Anita, the navy took over Hollywood Park, the marines have Del Mar and Tanforan's area is covered by barracks where Japs were interned.

The richest opportunity for Whirlaway this winter is the Widenor at Hialeah in early March, and it has been reduced in value from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

Major Hockey Interest High

Bruins Battle Leafs

This being the season of sweetness and light, it is wholly appropriate that the National Hockey League should play Santa Claus by presenting the customers with three attractive Christmas week packages.

Naturally, all three contests involve the folkloping Boston Bruins, who have worked said customers into a state of high excitement by winning 11 of their last 14 starts to take a choking hold on first place.

Watching Boston play is like watching Jack Benny's Maxwell lumber across the stage—you don't know what keeps it going, but you're pretty sure something drastic is going to happen, like a fender collapsing or an engine exploding.

Nobody knows what keeps the Bruins going, either, and a capacity attendance likely will jam Maple Leaf Gardens tonight to see if the leaders will come apart at the seams against their closest rivals, Toronto Maple Leafs.

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Armstrong's Fine Comeback Voted Greatest of Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Hammering Henry Armstrong, great little fighter who has won 13 bouts since coming out of retirement early last summer, Friday was acclaimed as the year's outstanding comeback in sports.

Of 86 United States sports writers balloting in the annual "poll" of the Associated Press, 50 listed the one-time triple champion of boxing among their three choices for the foremost comeback. These votes were divided 22 first, 17 seconds and 11 thirds and on the basis of three, two and one point for each class, gave him a total of 111 points.

Toronto Maple Leafs, who rallied to win the Stanley Cup after losing the first three games to Detroit Red Wings, rated 23 points and sixth position. The Leafs received three first choices.

CARDS RATE SECOND

The feat of St. Louis Cardinals in making two comebacks, first to snatch the National League pennant from Brooklyn Dodgers and second to win the world series after losing the first game to New York Yankees, was recognized as the second most important about-face.

Sixteen experts rated the Cardinals on top and 12 others split their votes between second and third places to provide the Redbirds with a total of 66 points. The spectacular pitching of Lefty Larry French for the Dodgers was ranked third with 40 points, just above the achievement of another veteran, Ernie Lombardi of Boston Braves, in battling his way back to the batting championship of the National League. He received 33 points.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club will hold their annual Christmas party at the Crystal Garden lower hall Dec. 23 from 8 to 10.30. A smart program has been arranged with novelty competitions and dancing. All former members, parents and friends are invited.

Jack Gains Heights

Knocks Out Larkin

NEW YORK (AP)—Beau Jack, a busy young negro who skyrocketed out of the Augusta, Ga., National Golf Club less than two years ago, won the New York version of the world lightweight championship Friday night by flattening Tippy Larkin of Garden, N.J., in three rounds in Madison Square Garden. Jack weighed 132½, Larkin 134½.

After being floored in the first few seconds of the fight for a one-count, the slim Garfield Italian, who learned his fighting in civilian conservation corps camps, came back to fight Jack to a standstill for the next few minutes in one of the fastest and "punching-est" fights put on in the Garden in years.

But Jack, whose real name is Sidney Walker, came charging in at Larkin every minute, despite short right jolts which hurt, and he finally caught Tippy with a short right hand half-uppercut near a neutral corner early in the third round.

Larkin came down like a felled tree and Referee Otto Susskind counted the fall to over him. The one-minute fight was over in 19 seconds of the third round.

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Strange Hockey Situation

McGill Coaches Bauer

By CHARLES EDWARDS
TORONTO (CP)—Service discipline demands that commissioned officers give the orders and those in the ranks carry them out. But it does seem strange that P.O. Jack McGill will be giving hockey orders to LAC Bobby Bauer of the Halifax R.C.A.F. team.

Both McGill and Bauer were formerly with Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League. But McGill was only a rookie compared to Bauer, a member of the famous "Kraut" line and one of the greatest of N.H.L. players.

Bauer has been in charge of early practices of the Halifax airmen, but P.O. Jim Leaman, R.C.A.F. sports officer, announced McGill will take over coaching duties. Bauer will remain as a player. The Flyers also have P.O. Johnny Acheson, who played with Bauer last season when the Ottawa R.C.A.F. team won the Allan Cup. A couple of other hockey notables on the team are the Ripley twins, Frank and Carl, who played with Baltimore in the Eastern United States Amateur League. They came from Amherst, N.S.

Gas Curtailment New Hurdle for Racing

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—An unexpected hurdle—curtailment of gasoline sales—sprang up Friday in the path of track operators preparing for the opening, Monday, of Florida's winter horse racing season.

Although all hands agreed the sport could not survive in Miami under restrictions put into effect Friday, Tropical Park went ahead with plans for the inaugural of its meetings. "I feel that this is a temporary measure, and that adjustments will be made," said Tropical President Henry L. Straus, referring to the office of price administration order limiting drivers to three or four gallons of gasoline for an indefinite period.

Basketball Has Growing Pains; Now Major Sport

By HUGH FULLERTON

NEW YORK (AP)—Things are threatening to pop in basketball circles hereabouts all because Fordham and N.Y.U. protested the eligibility of a couple of Brooklyn Players. . . . The question seems to be a bit academic, since it concerned only conflicting rules, but the coaches are ready to start blowing the whistle on one another and there's no telling where it may stop . . . for years it's been an open secret that some of the coaches engaged in free-handed recruiting and that many players weren't averse to changing their names on Sundays to pick up a bit of cash.

As long as it wasn't too flagrant, nobody cared much, but now that basketball in the United States definitely is in the big time and a successful team means real dough, the game seems to be suffering the same sort of growing pains that football felt in its earlier days.

The blistered-thumb brigade—otherwise known as bowlers—view with alarm the plan originated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Will, man of Chicago, both top-flight pin topplers. . . . They have a hard and fast household rule that the one with the sorest thumb has to wash the dinner dishes because they believe immersion in hot, soapy water helps relieve the soreness.

Jose Martinez Zorilla, the Mexican who played some swell football for Cornell a decade ago, is back in the United States, learning to be a flier in the Mexican air force at Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Ben Wahman, Richmond News-Leader sports editor, is slated to join the marines as a combat correspondent. Business as usual, eh? . . . Jerry Bauer, kid brother of Bobby, who played on the Bruins' great "Kraut" line, is performing for the Boston Olympics hockey club this winter and studying textile chemistry on the side at Lowell Tech. . . . According to Steve O'Neill, Paul Richards, new Detroit coach, is the sales-as-per-cent-and-a-half ball player he ever saw.

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario curling bonspiel will be held in Toronto Feb. 15 to 20 next year despite cancellation of the Dominion-wide MacDonald Brier trophy event, the committee in charge of arrangements announced Friday. The draw will be changed to allow all rinks six games.

Navy Pucksters Fly to Smother Flyers 15 to 3

Canadian Ice Team Well Received By Fans at Kirkcaldy

LONDON (CP)—The hockey team of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg skated out on the ice at Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and a crowded house rose and cheered. It had been announced over a loud-speaker—a few minutes previously that the Canadian unit played a gallant part at Dieppe, and that four of the team members, Tendie Wattis, Billy Morris, Vic Horton and Scotty Law, were now known to be prisoners.

Then the Highlanders defeated North Shore Regiment of Canada 5 to 3, scoring twice in a determined last-period attack. Showing the way to the winners with two goals was S. M. Harrison of Winnipeg. Top man for the losers was R. Young of Chatham, Ont., who twice beat Pte. J. MacDonald of Winnipeg in the winners' nets.

In three previous games between the two clubs, played at Paisley, Dunfermline and Falkirk, Highlanders won two and lost one.

The King has leased a yearling filly by Hyperion, top-notch raser, out of Thrust, from the national stud of Ireland. That's where he leased Sun Charlot, winner of this season's 1,000 Guineas, Oaks and St. Leger, and Big Game, victor in the 2,000 Guineas.

ANOTHER CHALLENGER

Al Robinson, 210-pound heavyweight from Leeds, shuffled into line as a contender for the vacant British heavyweight boxing championship with a three-round knockout of George Muir, a New Zealand soldier. Muir, facing a weight deficit of 25 pounds, started badly and hit the canvas twice in the opening heat of the scheduled 10-rounder.

In another bout, Tony Roberts of Winnipeg, member of the Canadian army, recovered from a bad beginning to outpoint J. M. Hayes of Leeds over eight rounds.

Believe it or not, but football enthusiasts are turned away from Highbury stadium, pre-war home of Arsenal Gunners, every Saturday, despite the fact Highbury has been on "war work" since the first sirens. Arsenal now play at the Tottenham grounds.

Most of the mistaken ones are servicemen returning home after duties abroad.

Nanaimo Gets McClure

NANAIMO (CP)—Nanaimo Clippers of the Vancouver Island Senior Hockey League announced Friday they had completed negotiations to obtain the services of Harry (Red) McClure, former player with Baltimore Orioles and Turner Valley Oilers, who more recently has been turning out with R.C.A.F. Mustangs in the Service League at Calgary.

McClure will not report for duty with the R.C.A.F. until next May 21, although he has already been sworn in. He has been given permission to finish the season with Clippers.

Amateur Hockey

Saskatchewan Senior
Yorkton 3, Flin Flon 2.
Winnipeg Senior
Navy 16, Army 4.
Quebec Senior
Cornwall 2, Canadiens 2.
Ontario Senior
St. Catharines 4, Niagara Falls 3.
Port Colborne 7, Hamilton 5.
Cape Breton Senior
Army 5, R.C.A.F. 3.

BOXING

BOSTON — Ralph Zanelli, 143½, Providence, R.I., outpointed Cpl. Garvey Young, 145½, U.S. Marines (10).
HOLLYWOOD — Jack Coggins, 177, San Diego, took over Connie Norden, 195, Oakland (8).

Brown, Hill McArthur in Scoring Light

Setting up a new league scoring record, Navy breezed through the R.C.A.F. for a surprising 15 to 3 victory in Friday night's Island Hockey League game at the Willows. The previous high score for the season was 13 goals, held jointly by the Navy and Army.

Win boosted the bluejackets into undisputed possession of second place, four points back of the leading Army. Tonight the Navy travel to Nanaimo to engage the Clippers and return for another game here Monday night against the V.M.D. A pair of victories would place the sailors right up alongside the Army in first place.

What had promised to be one of the closest games of the season turned into a rout. Navy club was at its best form this season while the Flyers had their worst night. It was one of those oddities in sport that nobody can explain. Navy couldn't make a wrong play all evening, while Dame Fortune was looking the other way as far as the airmen were concerned. Flyers big weakness lay in their defence, although the wing forwards were a lot to blame for not backchecking.

Despite the 15 shots that whizzed past him, Alex Clow played a good game in the nets for the Flyers. Given little protection, the youngster blocked a flock of shots and certainly could not be blamed for the one-sided defeat.

RAYNOR PLAYS

Chuck Raynor, formerly in the nets for the New York Americans in the National Hockey League, made his debut with the Navy and proved himself one cool reminder. Although he had little work to do, Raynor pulled off a couple of nice saves and by his smooth action showed why he rated his spot in the big time. Another new player to show for the first time was Arthur McBride on the Flyers' defence. A big fellow, he should prove valuable after he gets into condition.

Hal Brown, Howie Hill and veteran Joe McArthur played leading roles in the Navy victory, the first two named putting four goals apiece to tie the league individual scoring record and McArthur setting up a new mark with six assists. McArthur, formerly with Port Arthur Bearcats, looked his best this season and was laying down perfect passes for his teammates to shoot goals.

The number one Navy line of Brown, Strongman and Petrie was really flying, and grabbed off seven of the 15 goals. The trio accounted for 13 scoring points.

Three R.C.A.F. counters were scored by King, Platz and Cook. Lulu Lennon, Vancouver, made his first appearance here as a referee and handled himself well, partnered with Ed. Battell.

Total of six penalties were called, with each club drawing three.

LINE-UPS

Navy—Raynor; Millman and Richardson; Petrie, Strongman and Brown; Subs: Tomson, Drainville, McArthur, Hill, McKay and Taylor.

R.C.A.F.—Clow; Labovitch and Platz; Krol, King and Kirk; Subs: McBride, O'Donohue, Lowe, Cook and Verity.

SUMMARY

First period—1, Navy, Strongman, 28; 2, R.C.A.F., King (Kirk), 1.11; 3, Navy, Millman (McArthur), 7.31; 4, Brown (Drainville), 9.35. Penalties: Tomson.

Second period—5, R.C.A.F., Platz, 24; 6, Navy, Hill, 3.05; 7, Navy, Brown (Strongman), 6.29.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

	W	L	D	P	A	Pts
Boston	10	7	1	89	84	21
Toronto	9	8	2	82	88	19
Detroit	7	9	3	81	81	19
Canadians	4	11	1	54	82	9

	W	L	D	P	A	Pts
Army	5	3	0	55	33	10
Navy	4	5	0	46	81	8
R.C.A.F.	3	6	1	26	59	7
Nanaimo	3	6	1	26	59	7

8, Navy, McKay (McArthur-Taylor), 9.24; 9, Navy, Richardson (McArthur), 11.20; 10, Navy, Petrie (Richardson-Brown), 13.20; 11, Navy, Hill (McArthur-Tomson), 16.02; 12, Navy, Hill (McArthur), 17.55; 13, Navy, Brown (Strongman-Petrie), 19.59. Penalties: Krol, Brown, Labovitch, Platz.

Third period—14, Navy, Brown (Petrie - Strongman), 7.20; 15, Navy, McKay (McArthur), 9.25; 16, Navy, Hill (McKay), 10.22; 17, R.C.A.F., Cook (Verity-Platz), 11.24; 18, Navy, Petrie, 17.30. Penalties: Tomson.

Stage Eliminations For Jack Challenger

NEW YORK (AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs Friday night announced three-quarters of a pair of 15-round lightweight matches as part of the tournament sponsored by the New York State Athletic Commission to decide on a challenger for the portion of the lightweight crown Beau Jack won Friday night by knocking out Tippy Larkin.

One of the matches, which will be co-headliner on a Jan. 8 card in Madison Square Garden, will send Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia against Chester Rico, slim New Yorker. The Rico of the first part in the second match will be Joey Penafra of Tamaque, Pa. Promoter Mike couldn't announce the other half of this bout. Both fights will be over the 15-round derby route.

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Such silent music in the air,
'Tis merry Christmas morning!
Dear day of all days in the year,
Dear day of song, goodwill and cheer,
'Tis golden Christmas morning!
The hope, the faith, the love that is,
The peace, the holy promises,
'Tis glorious Christmas morning!
—Joachim Miller.

An Arithmetic Lesson

Teacher: "Now, Bobby Jones, tell me if, out of seven ducks swimming about in your pond, three go for a dive, and get drowned, how many remain?"
Bobby: "Please, teacher, how can I say, as we haven't any ducks?"
Teacher: "What have you got, then? Geese?"
Bobby: "Yes, teacher."
Teacher: "Well, say geese, then. How many would remain if three go for a dive?"
Bobby: "Please, teacher, geese never dive!"

Learning to Use Telephones



Grade 2 students Quadra Primary School are shown here learning how to speak over the telephones by practicing on model phones they constructed as a part of their curriculum. In the picture, from left to right, around the table are: Maureen O'Connor, Leona Worth, Janet Gibbons, Pat Lane, Molly Ann Wilkinson, Raymond Coles, Diane Kaiser, Garry Turner, Ann Winter, Kathleen Valentine, Yvonne Wright, Rosemarie Ross and Jane Ann Campbell.

Willie Winkle

We Only Have Nine Square Feet of Skin, But What an Argument it Made.

I HOPE this rain stops soon. If it doesn't I don't know what we're going to do with Pinto.

It's bad enough going to school all day without having Pinto give us a lecture, in the form of reading some clipping he has taken from a paper. But as long as it rains there's no help for us. After school the gang just heads for the Pirates' Den in our basement as if there was a magnet there. Of course, the big supply of Macintosh Reds may have something to do with it; I often wonder where they all come from but Dad seems to keep an eye on the box and when he sees the apples getting low, along comes another box.

It so happens that it was raining last Tuesday and to make matters worse it was foggy, too. We couldn't play football because most of our mothers don't want us to get sick before Christmas. There are plenty of colds around and there are rumors of scarlet fever and that seems to scare most mothers.

WHEN Skinny came into the Pirates' Den he had a big bandage around his knee. "That screwball, Skip Winters, tripped me," said Skinny, in explaining how he became a cripple. "Just wait till I get my legs working again and I'll dump him in the biggest puddle I can find."

"Did you lose much skin?" asked Pinto.

"Why?" asked Skinny.

"Well, I was just wondering. I've been reading about skin," said Pinto.

"Oh, oh, here we go," said Jack. "Sure, don't you know you live inside your skin 24 hours a day?" asked Pinto.

"Imagine that," said Jack. "What else do you think we could do? Move out. Sure would look funny to see your skin lying on the sidewalk. Or maybe you could blow it up."

"Well, if you left it on the sidewalk, your skin would only make about nine square feet," said Pinto. "Not much, is it? But how much care do you take of it? Very little. We all try to escape washing any more than we have to and how many of us take more than one bath a week?"

"Well, I wouldn't mind taking a bath more than once a week, but it's the rule around our place to get in the tub Saturday night so I'll be clean for Sunday school," I said. "I can tell by the smell of you guys that somebody needs a bath now. Whose feet is it?"

"Aw, don't be so smart," Jack said. "Probably your own, May. You can't head him off. He pulled out a piece of paper."

"Because the skin is a two-way errand boy for every other organ of the body," read Pinto, "mis-treatment of it is a contributing

factor in virtually all organic ailments. Medical men declare that if they could outline a course in skin health for the winter months, they could cut common colds in half.

"In every square inch of skin there are 3,500 glands; sebaceous or oil glands, and supraparous or sweat glands. That may sound like crowding, but consider another set—the hair follicles. There are 60,000 of these in a square inch in some parts of the body."

"Aw, for crying out loud, cut it out," Jack said. "You'll have us like a bunch of professors. I want to be natural. Who cares about sweat glands and those hair things? You talk about. All I know is I sweat O.K. and I'm getting hair on my chest now. Look."

Jack opened his shirt and we counted two little hairs.

"Poor little things, they'll get lonesome," said Skinny.

JUST a minute now," said Pinto, who wanted to get along with his reading. I passed the apples and let Pinto get the rest of the reading off his chest. Perhaps if he had a couple of hairs like Jack he would have something else to think about than reading to us.

"If you are a woman you may think more often of that small skin area that covers your face," read Pinto. "If you are a man you may remember your skin only when it itches or is smarting."

"Too much, too heavy, and too tight clothing stops the skin from breathing properly."

"If your skin is in good condition you can help Nature to keep it that way by several means. The first is to keep it clean. The next means is to give the skin as much air and sunshine as possible. The third step is to give your skin a brisk, vigorous rub-down every day."

"The rub-down of the body with a Turkish towel and with self-massage by using the fingers will first remove loose particles, then stimulate the circulation of the blood at the surface so that the continuous building up of new skin will be speeded up."

"Sunshine, air, massage, cleanliness, and a proper diet will keep any skin healthy unless there is some disease of the skin."

"That's all, now see if you can't look after the skin you have to live with 24 hours a day," said Pinto.

WHEN Pinto was reading the last part Rosy, Betty and Jean came in and helped themselves to the apples. We hadn't had a cold since Rosy got a cold time and it didn't take her long to get into our discussion.

"That's why girls are healthier than boys," said Rosy.

"What do you mean?" Jack asked.

"Well, look what we wear," said Rosy.

"Now, we don't want to look good, or—no Santa Claus."

"Smarty," said Rosy. "We only wear ankle socks all winter and no hats. A skirt, a blouse and a sweater and a couple of other things underneath and that's all. Look at you boys. You've got on long pants, long socks, shirts, two sweaters and perhaps a wind-break and something underneath."

"I never catch cold," said Betty. "But mother's always after me. Says I never button up my coat and I'll get pneumonia some day. Always wants me to wear long woolen underclothes. Not me, they make me itch. If you get your skin hardened the weather can't hurt it."

THAT'S right," Pinto said. "Why look at those men who call themselves polar bears and swim everyday down at Horseshoe Bay, even if it's freezing."

"Yeah, but spare me from that," I said. "I ain't parading around in my bare skin these days. Everybody knows women can stand cold better than men. They ain't got any muscles; they're all fat."

"Yeah, but wait till these women welders are on the job awhile," said Skinny. "They'll have plenty of muscle and then look out."

"Nope," I said. "Ain't much chance of that. Women are just constructed different. Men are tough, they got to be. They got to go out in the cold early in the morning to go to work and they got to work in the cold all day."

"Well, what about women?" asked Rosy. "They got to work all day and most of the night. They got to get their husband's breakfast then they got to stand over an ironing board all day and then after they've fed their husband and he goes in and sits in front of the fire and reads the paper, the wife has got to make a dress for Marge or darn socks. Why, no man could stand that."

JUST then a sweet voice came floating down the cellar stairs. It belonged to my dear mother and I knew there was a job to do.

"Is Betty there?" mother asked.

"Yes," I shouted, relieved to think it wasn't me she wanted. "Betty run to the store and see if you can get half a dozen eggs and a cake for supper," said mother.

There was silence just for a second. Then:

"Willie, have you chopped that kindling I asked you to do two days ago?"

"No, mother," I said.

"Then get to it, you know your mother and she's after you for ever seen in my life." He paused dramatically. Then continued:

"There was one tree on the island and the lowest bough was 20 feet from the ground, and I jumped for it."

"Did you manage to grasp it?" asked one of his audience.

"I didn't grasp it going up," replied the Irishman, "but I caught it coming down."

Uncle Ray's Corner

by RAMON COFFMAN

TRAVEL SCIENCE INVENTIONS GENERAL INTEREST
BIOGRAPHY HISTORY NATURE SAFETY HEALTH ADVENTURE

Pilgrims First Landing Was at Provincetown

THIRTEEN years after John Smith and his companions settled Jamestown, Virginia, other English folk crossed the Atlantic ocean. They were to be known in history as "Pilgrims." The vessel which took them out on the Atlantic was the "Mayflower."

When the Pilgrims reached mid-ocean they met stormy weather and the main beam of their vessel was jarred out of place. For a time there was talk of turning back, but it seemed as dangerous to return as to go forward. Fortunately, one of the Pilgrims had a large iron screw. The beam was forced back into place, was fastened with the screw and the voyage continued.

TWO MONTHS and five days after leaving England the Pilgrims reached the American shore, sighting first the coast of Cape Cod. The country there looked forbidding and barren, but since winter was drawing near, they decided to land and sailed into what is now the harbor of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Before landing, the men met in the cabin of the Mayflower and drew up laws for the government of the colony. At this time, also, they chose John Carver to be their governor.

Several men boarded the sailboat which had been brought along on the Mayflower, and set out to explore the coast. They found a river mouth, but the water was so shallow to make a good harbor.

SOME DAYS later the sailboat reached a harbor which seemed to provide a good location for settlement. The news was taken to the Mayflower and caused much rejoicing. With happy hearts the Pilgrims sailed into Plymouth harbor, ready to build homes for themselves in the New World.

When the Pilgrims entered the harbor it was Dec. 16, 1620, by the calendar then in use. Since then, the calendar has been pushed 10 days ahead, and we should now call it Dec. 26.

THOUGH IT WAS near the end of December, the winter had not begun in earnest. A chill rain was falling, but no snow, as the Pilgrims began putting up shelters. The first building was a "common house" made of rough logs, the cracks filled with mud. This place was a storehouse to hold food and other articles belonging to all.



An Indian visitor, Samoset, entered the settlement of the Pilgrims.

Later a fort was laid out on the hill, where cannon were to be placed for defence. Men were set to work building huts near the common house, and the winter might have proved a happy one had it not been for the sickness which followed.

Even before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth, some of them had become sick. Within a month after landing, the sickness was found to be a plague. That winter almost half of the Pilgrims died, but by spring, all the rest were in good health again.

ONE DAY AN Indian was seen approaching. The white men were amazed when they heard him cry out "Welcome!"

Going to meet him, they found that he could talk in broken English. He had learned, he said, from English sailors who had come before to the coast, some distance north. This Indian had been his friend. His name, he told the Pilgrims, was Samoset.

On a later day Samoset made another visit to Plymouth and this time brought along a friend named Squanto. Samoset and Squanto became warm friends of the whites. Squanto showed the settlers how to plant corn, and especially advised them to put

two or three fish in each "hill." That made the soil richer and helped the grain to grow more plentifully. A watch was kept for wolves, lest those animals should smell the fish and dig them up.

AT ABOUT THIS time the Mayflower sailed back to England, bearing many letters and messages for friends and relatives in the Old World. In spite of the hardships of the winter, not one of the Pilgrims returned. Shortly after the departure of the Mayflower, Governor Carver died. William Bradford was chosen to fill his place, and he served for 21 years.

During the summer the colonists spent part of their time trading with the Indians. In exchange for knives and beads, they obtained furs and corn.

Carry On In Malta

Bomb-scarred Malta still finds time to give to the Boy Scouts. The Home Rover Crew in Malta reports that it has a regular attendance of 15 at its weekly meetings. "Just because Jerry does his best to wipe us out doesn't mean to say we are going to give up roving," says the crew leader. They lost their island headquarters in the blitz.

The Unclaimed Gift

Out of the darkness, a radiant star:

Out of the silence, an angel's song:
Out of despair, a newborn hope.
A pledge of redemption from sin and wrong.

But our eyes are blind to the star's white light
And our ears are deaf to the heavenly strain.
And the world is crushed by its old despair
And bleeding beneath its ancient pain.

Yet the star and the song are forever ours—
The promise of hope and the cure for fear.

The gift has been given, but goes unclaimed.
For our eyes see not, nor our dull hearts hear.

—Hazel M. Kerr.

Some Jump

The Irishman was relating a story of his travels.

"I landed on the island and started to explore," he said. "When I got to the middle of the island I saw the biggest bog I ever seen in my life." He paused dramatically. Then continued:

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Proverbs Honor Animals

By JASPER B. SINCLAIR

OUR FOUR-FOOTED friends have inspired their share of proverbs and folk sayings from the classic days of Greece right down to modern times.

It is useless to attempt to trace the source of most proverbs, of course. They are seemingly timeless in their origin and have been translated into so many tongues that their original sources defy all research. It is enough to know that they pay universal tribute to the animal world.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," is one of the favorite proverbs inspired by equines. Dogs are represented by such familiar proverbs as "let sleeping dogs lie," "barking dogs don't bite."

Even the pig has its day in the perennial reminder that "you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear"—a bit of advice that too often goes unheeded.

"A cat can look at a queen" is an ageless token of feline equality and complacency, while "the lion's roar" is a warning to the weak about the king of the jungle.

ANOTHER jungle cat is remembered in the question, "can the leopard change its spots?" Still another of the old-time sayings refers to "a wolf in sheep's clothing."

Without being mentioned by name, the tortoise is the inspiration for the reminder that "the

Each Seeks to Know

"Who are these men
That march by day?"
My spirit asks of me;
"They are the men,"
I answer back,
"Who die to keep us free;
They are the men
Who fight for us
To banish tyranny."

"What can I do?
I cannot arm."
My spirit further asks.
"Work and trust
In God and men;
Push faith for all your tasks;
Push idle thoughts
From out your mind,
Nor hide behind false masks."

"But who can flail
This God of war?"
My spirit again will know
"We will not cringe."
I firmly say,
"Nor bow in homage low;
A land intact;
We seek the right
Pray, God will guide us so."
—Marjorie Herrmann.

Lady's Mistake

Kind lady (to small boy who has been taken out of the water):
"Dear me! How did you come to fall in?"

Small boy: "I didn't come to fall in. I came to fish."

dog he thinks so much of at the end of a long march.

Yes, if a dog could speak, I am sure he would say:

"There is something about a soldier that is fine!"

How Christmas Legends Began--

All Yuletide customs have origins in fact. Some may surprise you--

By GENEVIA COLE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The joyous greeting again echoes around the world, drowning out the roar of war, bringing the promise of peace to come and memories of peace in the past. For the spirit of Christmas is stronger than the hate of war. Battles will be fought and forgotten, but in every Christmas there is a part of the past, to be permanently incorporated into the holiday.

Some of these are personal. The man of today sees his Christmas happiness with the eyes of the boy of yesterday. Families observe definite customs during the holiday which have come down through generations. And every year, something new is added.

So it is with the symbols and customs of Christmas we have all come to know and love. Some are national; others world-wide in observance, but all are an integral part of the Yuletide season.

Although the holiday is essentially Christian, as the birthday of the Saviour, it has gathered into itself customs from ancient and pagan religions. Early Christian missionaries pre-ferred these observances in vogue among the peoples they sought to convert. Rather than abandon them and create antagonism, they wisely adopted the pagan rites, gave them Christian significance, and incorporated them into the Christmas we know today.

One of the most popular Yuletide ceremonies, in England particularly, is that of the Yule log. Absence of fireplaces and the difficulties of getting logs in city homes and apartments have limited its observance here. But the history of the Yule log provides an interesting story to tell around the fire.

The Druids were probably the first to dedicate such a ceremonial log and fire. The ancient priests chose the log carefully, blessed it with many ceremonies and proclaimed that it should ever keep burning. Each year a brand was saved to rekindle a new fire a year later.

The custom also may have its origin

host proposes a toast: "The Yule log burns. It destroys all misunderstandings. May the spirit of good fellowship reign for the coming year."

In many countries, the entire family must help carry in the Yule log, with oldest and youngest supporting an end. The oldest man, usually grandfather, pours wine on the log three times, asking health, wealth and happiness for the family. Then the youngest lad drinks to the newly lighted fire, emblem of light for another year, followed by the others of the family.

Or the Yule log may be placed on the fire and allowed to burn only a few seconds. It is removed and covered with a cloth, and the children of the family beat it with sticks to drive evil out of their lives. The parents then tell the children to go outside, to ask forgiveness for their misdeeds. When the youngsters return, they find their Christmas presents under the cloth.

Many superstitions still surround the Yule log. It must be touched only with clean hands. If it does not burn through the night, bad luck will be in store during the coming year. Often it is burned half through, then preserved as a protection against lightning. Ashes of the Yule log are believed to make fruit trees bear more abundantly, if buried at the roots.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS legends surrounding the Christmas tree, its decorations and its candles. One of the most generally accepted is the story of St. Winfred, early missionary to Norway.

When St. Winfred reached the north country, he found the people to be tree worshippers. The great forest giants were gods to them.

It was on a Christmas Eve that the good Saint decided to show the Norsemen the falseness of this belief. So he chopped down a great oak, one of the largest in the forest. As St. Winfred swung his axe, a whirling wind passed through the forest, twisting the branches of the great oak. The tree crashed down, splitting in four parts. Just behind the fallen oak was a small



St. Winfred, on Christmas Eve, showed the tree-worshipping Norsemen their beliefs were false. He felled a great oak and pointed to a small fir which stood behind it. "This shall be your holy tree," he said.

of Christmas because, he said, on the night that Christ was born God sent His three messengers—Faith, Hope and Love—to light the first Christmas tree. They hunted a tree that would be as high as hope, as broad as love and with the sign of the cross on every bough. The balsam fir met all requirements. It is said, too, that the fir supplied the wood for the Saviour's Cross.

Martin Luther is credited with being the first to put candles on the Christmas tree. Walking home one night, Luther was struck by the beauty of the stars. He tried to tell his wife and children about it.

Failing, he rushed into his garden, cut a small fir and carried it to the nursery, then put lighted candles on its branches. The neighbors marveled at Luther's tree, and imitated it.

Even the Romans had lighted trees during the festival of Saturn. Twelve candles were placed on a fir in honor of the god of time, and at the top was a representation of the sun, honoring Apollo, to whom the last three days of December were dedicated. It is pos-

sible that they would burn through the night. Some members of the family watched it all night, for if it went out, it was believed that a death would occur in the family within a year.

In Ireland, only girls named Mary were allowed to snuff the church candles. Elsewhere, the candles were kept for magic powers. Branding a cross on domestic animals was believed to protect them. The plows were smeared with tallow to bring good crops. Housewives kept the candles burning in thunderstorms.

The practice of exchanging gifts comes in remembrance of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the Infant Jesus. But gifts were exchanged in Roman winter festivals, long before the birth of Christ.

At Saturnalia, Romans gave honeyed sweetmeats, that life might be sweeter; lamps, that the year might be bright and gay; and gold, that the year might bring wealth.

In Russia, a maiden, representing the goddess of the sun, was taken from house to house, while her attendants



The ancient Druid priests, dressed all in white, cut down the mistletoe berries with golden sickles, catching them in a white homespun robe.

or Kris Kringle, who may be depicted as a girl, wearing a crown and carrying a Christmas tree.

Without the chime of Christmas bells, it wouldn't be Christmas. And there are legends about the bells, too. One of the oldest tells that the devil died when Christ was born. So in many villages the Christmas bell tolls, as if for the dead, for an hour before midnight, then at 12 changes into a joyful peal.

In Nottinghamshire, England, you might be surprised to see people listen for Christmas bells with their ear to the ground. Perhaps they can hear singing. The story is that an earthquake once swallowed a church here during Christmas Eve services, and now the bells ring but once a year.

IF YOU'VE NEVER kissed your sweetheart under the mistletoe, you've missed an important part of Christmas. For this, too, we can thank the ancient Druids and the pagans of the north.

It was part of the Druid rite for priests to go through the oak forests in search of the parasite. Dressed all in white, they cut down the berries with golden sickles, caught the vine in

a homespun robe. Three white bulls were sacrificed to complete the ceremony. But the kiss under the mistletoe comes from Nordic mythology. Frigga, goddess of love, gave her son, Balder, a charm to protect him against injury from anything which sprang from fire, water, earth and air. Loki, an evil spirit, hated Balder and shot him with an arrow of mistletoe, which did not grow from fire, water, earth or air.

Frigga's tears became the white berries of the mistletoe. The other gods were so moved by her sorrow that they restored Balder to life. And Frigga, overjoyed, promised to kiss everyone who passes beneath the mistletoe.

The spell of the mistletoe runs out with its berries, for each girl who is caught beneath it is supposed to pick a berry. The girl who gets no kisses will not marry for a year and maybe longer. In Scandinavia, when enemies met under the mistletoe they put down their arms and maintained a truce for 24 hours. From this custom may have come the practice of hanging a branch over the door as a pledge of peace and friendship.



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sible that early Christians preferred to place the Star of Bethlehem at the tree top, replacing Apollo's sun.

History records the first appearance of a lighted Christmas tree, bedecked with presents, in Strassburg in 1604. A lighted tree, without gifts, is mentioned as part of a Christmas pageant in the court of Henry VIII of England, 200 years earlier.

The Christmas tree, as we know it today, came to America before it was adopted in England. Brought over by German immigrants, Christmas trees first appeared in New York, spread throughout the German colonies and later were adopted by Canada and the U.S.A.

Princess Lieven of Germany brought the first Christmas tree to London in 1827, when she decorated trees for her children. But it was not until 12 years later, when Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, set up a tree for five-year-old Princess Victoria, that the custom spread through the British Isles.

Quaint superstitions surround even the Christmas candles. In Norway they were molded wide and tall, so

that the singers expected, and received money and gifts. From this Russian festival, it is possible that the modern vogue of singing Christmas carols was derived.

Since the reign of Henry VII, British royalty have received gifts from their subjects at Christmas time. Queen Elizabeth counted on her Christmas gifts to replenish her wardrobe, just as many a queen of the home does today.

OUR SANTA CLAUS is the gift of the Dutch, and first appeared in Manhattan. At first he brought his gifts on Dec. 6, the birthday of St. Nicholas. Later, New Year's Eve was the day of giving and finally, Christmas Eve as we know it today.

Before the 19th century Santa Claus was dignified, as became a saint, but he became a jolly, rotund little fellow, with reindeer, thanks largely to Clement C. Moore and his well-known poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

In many countries other characters distribute the gifts. It may be the Christ Child or His angels, or even His



In Nottinghamshire, England, those who believe an earthquake swallowed a church one Christmas Eve, listen for bells with ears to ground.



The oldest man, usually grandfather, pours wine on the Yule Log three times, asking health, wealth and happiness for the family.

In Scandinavia, where the Vikings worshipped the great ash tree, Yggdrasil, which no one had ever seen. Early missionaries found the legend of Yggdrasil widespread and generally accepted in the north.

The tree was said to be so big that the human mind could not conceive its greatness. It encompassed the entire universe—earth, stars, sun and moon. It had three roots, one in heaven, one in hell and a third in earth. A great serpent was believed to be gnawing at the roots. When the roots were gnawed through Yggdrasil would fall, and the universe would be blotted out.

The missionaries denounced this superstition and made their converts burn all wooden representations of the tree, as a token that the Christ Child had destroyed heathenism. Later, a log was selected to represent Yggdrasil, then burned in the Christmas ceremony.

The English—as Canadian troops in Great Britain are discovering—pay much attention to the Yule log and its traditions and taboos. When it is brought into the house and lighted, the

fir tree, pointing a green spire to the sky.

The missionary turned to the people: "This tree," he said, "shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of fir. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are always green. See how it reaches up to Heaven. Let this tree be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather around it, not in the darkness of the forest, but in your own homes. It demands no blood sacrifices, only deeds and gifts of love."

There are many other legends concerning the choice of the fir as the tree of Christmas. Some say the fir was the original Tree of Life, in the Garden of Eden, and that it once bore fruit. But when Eve plucked the fruit, it ceased to bear, and its leaves shrunk into tiny needles. Only on the night when Christ was born did the fir tree bloom again.

Or perhaps you prefer another Viking story—that of Ansgarius, who preached Christianity in the north. Ansgarius chose the fir as the sym-



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Topical Limericks and Christmas Cheer

(Two clowns enter and sit down)
1st Clown: I have just written a limerick, would you care to hear it?

2nd Clown: I don't want to; but I suppose I must to oblige you. What is a limerick?

1st C.: You take the name of a place and find words to rhyme with it.

2nd C.: Well, take Guadalcanal.
1st C.: We have taken it.

2nd C.: Yes. But suppose you can't find rhymes for it.

1st C.: Well, you just give it up.

2nd C.: We can't do that, it might lose us the war.

1st C.: You don't give up Guadalcanal, silly, you give up the limerick and try something simple like Vancouver.

2nd C.: That's easy. Vancouver rhymes with Hoover and manoeuvre. There is lots of dust in the old boarding houses there, and all sorts of manoeuvres going on like the march to Jericho. I shouldn't be surprised if they blew it up next, as Joshua did.

1st C.: Jericho wasn't blown up—it was blown down.

2nd C.: Well, they blow everything up nowadays. But why call it a limerick?

1st C.: That's Irish. When you compose a limerick and read it to a friend, he tries to invent a better one, and then you both get mad like the Irish and fight it out.

2nd C.: What's the use of that? Fighting never settles anything.

1st C.: Yes, it settles who is best man.

2nd C.: Would you call a limerick poetry?

1st C.: Well, not exactly. Poetry is spiritual and refined; but some limericks I have heard were distinctly vulgar. Not my own, of course; I read them to my wife.

2nd C.: Poor woman. What a lot she must have to put up with.

1st C.: Now I have explained what a limerick is, may I read mine to you? It is headed, "Manners Makyth Man."

2nd C.: That sounds toney. Where did you get it from?

1st C.: It is the motto of Winchester, England's oldest Public School, which is strictly private, where the best men come from, men like Gen. Wavell and Sir Stafford Cripps.

2nd C.: I thought Cripps was a sort of a Communist.

1st C.: He is the son of a peer. Earl Baldwin's son is also "a sort of a Communist." Lots of the best people are going Communist and I fancy the working classes will follow suit, they usually do. You'd be surprised!

2nd C.: It's amazing. The

women are all falling for the Russians. Yesterday my wife said to me: "I see the Russians are killing thousands of Germans every day. What are you doing? Nothing! Killing time! Just smoking your pipe and warming your feet by the fire and leaving the Russians to save us poor women from being slaughtered by the Nazis."

1st C.: Yes, women have been getting very uppish lately. My wife said to me, "You should lock the door when you have your bath, you might give someone a shock." So I said, "Why should I? I look my best in a bath. I'm a smoothun not a Haryan, like Hitler." She tells me that there are more women voters than men, and they are all getting together to win every seat in Parliament and run the country properly.

2nd C.: If they do that, Canada will go to the dogs. We should have to abolish Parliament and start Soviets like the Russians.

1st C.: Yes, maybe we shall all go Communist before the war is over. Now may I read my limerick?

2nd C.: Yes. Shoot! I can take it.

1st C.: You will note from my motto that my object is to teach the importance of good manners.

2nd C.: I thought people had given up manners. They don't cut any kee nowadays.

1st C.: You are wrong. What is the easiest way to make money? Why, to marry it. Did you marry money? No. And why not?

2nd C.: I thought women preferred cavemen.

1st C.: Wrong again. Rich girls go to college and are so refined that you must have good manners to be able to pick a winner. That's why you missed the boat. Now may I read my limerick?

"If you see a nice girl from Nebraska
Stop her car in the street, you should ask her."

2nd C.: Stop! How do you know that she comes from Nebraska?

1st C.: By reading the licence plate, silly.

2nd C.: But if you look at the plate how can you see if she is nice?

1st C.: You can tell that at a glance.

2nd C.: I can't. I have to get close up; very close.

1st C.: You must be short-sighted.

2nd C.: No, warm-hearted. Well, fire ahead.

1st C.: (Reads) "Manners Makyth Man."

"If you see a nice girl from Nebraska
Stop her car in the street, you should ask her."

As you take off your hat,
Do you know where your at?

You are on the right road to Alaska!" (Bows).

2nd C.: That's not so bad. Manners are all right, but we need something nobler than that. We have got to share everything with the poor, down-trodden colored

people and then we shall all be on the same footing, all poor and jolly together.

1st C.: I don't know. It's all very confusing. I am fighting for my home, for freedom, for our country, security and civilization. But perhaps I am old-fashioned like the pantomime, and the horse, and the bicycle I used to ride before we were all driven off the road, or killed, by stinking motor cars driven by people with no manners.

2nd C.: Well, I go to bat. My motto is "Haveahart," a dig at Aberhart of Alberta, the funny money prophet.

1st C.: Yes, he gave you a so-called dollar bill and you had to buy a dollar's worth of stamps and stick them on before you could cash it. It doesn't make sense. It would be less trouble to pay a dollar for the bill instead of the stamps. And it would be simpler still to keep the dollar you have in your pocket and buy nothing.

2nd C.: My friend, you lack faith! Didn't Aberhart state that the end of the world was at hand? If it comes before you buy the stamps, the dollar will have cost you nothing.

1st C.: That's nonsense. You never get anything for nothing. You were not given a dollar but only a bit of paper, worthless whether you are dead or alive. Well, off you go.

2nd C.: (Reads) "Haveahart."

"A brown Arab maid at Bizeria
Lost her heart to a lad from Alberta;
She sobbed and she sighed
And she bitterly cried,
Desert your forced youth to
Desert her."

(Weeps into large handkerchief.)
Did you notice that the desert made him desert her?

1st C.: Yes, I noticed the pun. I am fairly intelligent.

2nd C.: You amaze me! But you didn't weep with me.

1st C.: No. Christmas is a season for cheers, not tears. Let me give you something seasonal. I call it "See How They Run!" You know the nursery rhyme about the farmer's wife who chased the mice?

2nd C.: No! I thought it was the other way about.

1st C.: Well, it doesn't matter much. They all ran. Here it is. (Reads):

"The great Axis General Rommel
Found that war in the desert
was hell.
When the British commander
'Hit-em-hard' Alexander,
To the west drove the Nazis
pell-mell." (Both cheer.)

2nd C.: My friend! May I call you my friend, my very dear friend? My throat is dry. I can cheer much better after a good snort! You have taught me that "Manners Makyth Man." I bear no malice. I have even courteously, conceded the palm to you with a score of two limericks to my one. You are "one up." You can now return the compliment by standing me a drink (Scotch). (Exeunt Ambo).

—A. B. SANDERS.

LET'S PULL TOGETHER!

Long ago when the world was new
And cities were small and people few,
It rained until a mighty flood
Covered the earth with water and mud.
Then up got Noah, an aged man,
And said, "Now I'll do all I can.
The thing to do is to build an Ark.
We'd best begin before it's dark!"
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

And Noah said, "In stormy weather
My new Ark's safe—let's get together,
Though it may be quite a squeeze inside;
So now we must forget our pride.
Of size and shape and age and breed,
Of appetite and daring deed.
If we don't all come and man the Ark
We shall be drowned before it's dark!"
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

Then he got two of every beast
That walks the earth from west to east—
Camels, leopards, tigers, bears,
Rabbits, parrots, hounds and hares,
Chickens, fishes, birds and bees,
Creatures from mountains, plains and seas,
The camel grunts, "I'll stay right here
Until I know who's going to steer."
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

And the lion standing all alone
Roars, "I must have an Ark my own.
So build me one at once, old man!
I do not fit into your plan!"
The ostrich meanwhile quietly stood
With head well buried in the mud,
And hoped to keep his feathers dry.
Not seeing that the flood grew high.
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

The clucking hen in the corner begs,
"Please wait until I've laid my eggs!"
But Noah taps back, "They'll never hatch.
The flood will drown the whole darned batch!"
And the pig comes waddling up to know,
"What shall we do when food gets low?
Is there enough for me to eat?
And are they rationing bread and meat?"
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

Then Noah said, "Co-operate,
My greedy friend, before too late.
We can't be saved unless we vote
To live together in this boat.
There's lots of room in bow and stern,
So lions, donkeys, all can learn
The other fellow's way of life.
You see, there isn't time for strife."
It rained and rained, and the waters rose.

Whereat the beasts with one accord
Decided they should climb aboard
And pull together all one way,
Which worked so well that now today
In every field you see a cow,
And birds build nests on every bough,
And hens have lived, thank God, to lay
Their eggs for you and me—Grade A.

—ELIZABETH GARRETT.

Canada's History Retold in Light Of New Knowledge

IN THESE DAYS, when Canada is being swept by a strong resurging of nationalistic feeling, it is good to find a book that so clearly and understandingly chronicles the birth and early years of the young country as "A History of the Canadian People," by Morden H. Long, professor of history, University of Alberta. Today across the Dominion the people are grasping for some symbol that stands for unity. Prof. Long has done a great service to his country by reviewing the story of Canada's early struggles.

In a brief foreword he disclaims any pretence that his book contains research in the primary field, but says it is an essay in the secondary field of interpretation only, and an attempt to tell the story of the Canadian people in the light of our present knowledge. This is slightly misleading, for if volume 1 is any criterion of what is to follow, a more ambitious work than an essay has been undertaken by the author. Laying a firm foundation upon which he later builds extensively, Prof. Long traces the physical and racial background of the country in detail, with emphasis laid upon the physical "shield" which has played a deterrent part in the growth of Canada.

The story of exploration that follows will undoubtedly seem repetitious to many who have remembered some of their early school years of studying Canadian history. But Prof. Long is a good story-teller and covers the explorations of Cartier, Champlain, Nicolet, Joliet, LaSalle and LaVerendrye with an engaging and wholly interesting understanding.

The lure and promise of financial stability offered by fur trading in the country has roots that are to be found throughout Canada's early development. The author fully realizes the importance of this trade that has shaped a nation which today sprawls across a continent. And throughout his chapters on the growth of New France, the study of the seigneurial system, the church in New France and in particular the economic life of the French colony, the importance of the beaver can always be seen.

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The baby's life is full of bumps and downs and Linda Jackson misses few of them in "Pety" (Harcourt, Brace), the diary for a day of a youngster just like your own. And the climax—Pety's first step—will take you back to that thrill every mother and dad experiences.

In the animal corner are "Stablemates" (Harcourt, Brace), the story of Dick and Daisy, thoroughbreds. "Ruff" (Caxton) has a squirrel for its hero, traces his life from birth to parenthood. "Jared's Blessing" (Scribner's), is the story of a boy and his dog. The fact that Jared lives in pre-revolutionary War Connecticut adds charm to the tale. "The Wonder Cat" (Crowell), set in Tunisia, with an Arab boy hero, has plenty of excitement.

When the children start their own daily quiz program, you'll be glad you have "Fruits of the Earth" (Lippincott). This covers the fruit question admirably, from apricots to tangerines.

You can't expect your boy to understand adult books on Australia, although he is vitally interested in the war "down under." But he will meet and know many of the strange creatures of the Australian bush in "The Lost Hole of Bingle" (Bobbs Merrill). Similarly, "Gift of the Forest" (Longmans-Green), takes its young readers into the heart of India to tell the story of an Indian boy and his pet tiger.

Boys may have difficulty keeping the "Mystery of the Mahteb" (Longmans-Green), away from Dad, because it is an exciting adventure of a 13th century Ethiopian prince who braved all sorts of danger to win the right to be crowned heir to the throne of Solomon.

Great men of the past provide inspiration for the leaders of tomorrow. These real-life heroes far surpass the phonies of cheap fiction, and the boys and girls of today are alert enough to fully appreciate them. Let your son and daughter meet them first as children, then as men, in their own books.

"George Washington, Abner Hamilton and Mark Twain are new titles in a special series of biographies, written especially for

Report on Agricultural Rehabilitation

By W. NEWTON

Part I
The Atlantic Charter defined in broad terms the rehabilitation objectives of the United Nations; the four freedoms that are to be brought into effect after winning this war. Those who are planning rehabilitation schemes must keep in mind always the important fact that our foremost duty at the present time is to contribute in a vital way towards winning this war. However, the approval by our statesmen of clear-cut plans for a better postwar world is important at this time of stress and sacrifice, largely because those taking part in the struggle to create and retain our freedoms as outlined in the Atlantic Charter, will do a little more if they know that a higher type of civilization will follow victory.

As Wendell Willkie has pointed out, "The peace must be won during the war, not after it."

AGRICULTURE AS A PUBLIC UTILITY
EXAMINATION of recruits in the armed forces has revealed the physical condition of the average young Canadian is far from ideal. The low level of physical fitness can be attributed in no small part to malnutrition. Increase in weight of the recruits on a reasonably well-balanced army diet often exceeds a 10-pound average throughout whole battalions.

Malnutrition in Canada is due largely to ignorance, but in some localities to the absence of adequate quantities of suitable foods. As an essential war measure, the government of Canada has already embarked upon an educational program to teach the people of Canada how to preserve their health by correct eating. Following the war, public opinion is likely to demand that agriculture be accepted as a public utility whose duty it is to provide all the people of Canada with an adequate supply of those foods that will best develop and protect health and vitality.

To preserve the morale and vitality of the people of Great Britain, the government has found it advantageous to set up minimum dietary requirements for both children and adults, and through a rationing scheme the food controller has attempted to make it possible for every citizen to secure a supply adequate from a dietary standpoint. Rationing in Canada has already commenced and before the end of hostilities the rationing system may be extended to cover all basic foods, not because of the probability of a food shortage, but rather to ensure that every citizen is able to secure an adequate quantity. Following the war, it is probable that every city, town and village will demand a minimum quantity of milk, butter, cheese, potatoes, eggs and fresh vegetables at prices within reach of all citizens.

To effect a guaranteed food supply it is probable that long-term contracts will be issued to farmers for fixed amounts of farm commodities at fixed prices. If this is not done, price fluctuations will not permit those citizens in the low-salaried brackets to secure an adequate diet at all times. Furthermore, the production of unwanted milk, eggs, butter, potatoes or vegetables is the cause of economic disturbances that adversely affect both producer and consumer over a period of years. The issue of long-term contracts at fixed prices to farmers is perhaps the only means of insuring that the consumer receives an adequate diet within the reach of a fixed income.

SOIL FERTILITY AS A NATIONAL ASSET
Already there is ample evidence that the depletion of soils by cropping, of their calcium, phosphate, iron, iodine and manganese contents, greatly lowers not only

the quality but the quantity of the forage. The occurrence of such common diseases as tuberculosis is more frequent in both cattle and in the human species in areas where the food supply is derived from soils deficient in calcium and phosphate. Furthermore, specific diseases of sheep, cattle and humans are induced by iron, iodine and manganese deficiencies in the forage or food. The relationship between health, food and soil fertility is becoming such common knowledge that the postwar world is likely to demand that agriculture be classified as a public utility so that all can be assured that the agricultural products offered for sale have been produced on soils sufficiently fertile to insure an adequate content of both minerals and vitamins.

Of equal importance is the permanent destruction of fertile soils by robbing them of organic matter and mineral constituents. The period has passed when a farmer can move west or north when his farm down east has ceased to yield profitable returns. In spite of the extent and size of Canada, already the fertile lands have largely been occupied. At the present time, when necessity forces farmers to plow the so-called marginal land in regions of low rainfall, national catastrophe is likely to follow.

Soil erosion may not only ruin the plowed areas of low fertility, but the loose soil may blow over and ruin adjacent areas of excellent farm land. The over-grazing of range lands creates similar risks. The postwar public may demand a yearly audit of our national soil fertility. The public will point out to our leaders that no man has the right to squander or ruin the rightful inheritance of future generations. The charter of Canadian agriculture must include a clause which will require the people of Canada to create and maintain a permanent system of agriculture wherein the fertility of all soils will be retained in the interests of national health and economic security.

STABILITY—A BASIC REQUIREMENT

All social progress has moved in the direction of the establishment of the right to live surrounded by reasonable security. The great development of insurance companies, state insurance, including unemployment and health insurance, are all signs that the postwar world will demand greater stability or constancy of income and basic expenses than exists today. Through trade unionism and unemployment insurance, labor has secured already partial security of income.

Postwar labor is likely to demand further security by appealing for health insurance and the fixation of food and other essential commodity prices to enable the income of the average laborer to meet his expenses in providing the basic requirements of a secure life. It is probable that labor will object to the tremendous fluctuations that have existed in the past with respect to food-commodity prices.

Organized agriculture has fully realized that the farmer has less security of income than either industrialists or organized labor. The agricultural industry has not only yielded smaller returns based upon capital and labor requirements than any other major industry in Canada, but agricultural incomes have also been the most unstable. In addition to the instability of the agricultural commodity market, probably no other industry has to meet greater natural hazards than agriculture. Throughout Canada, frost, drought, wind, hail, rain, floods, insects and diseases are normal hazards that the farmer must meet.

Postwar organized agriculture is likely to join forces with the

trade unions, first for the purpose of stabilizing farm commodity prices within the range of labor incomes and second to stabilize their own incomes. Organized agriculture is likely to demand long-term contracts for fixed quantities of foodstuffs at a fixed range of prices to insure that labor can secure their basic food requirements at prices within their reach; to insure against the economic disturbances of over and under-production; to insure against the strain and stress of a fluctuating farm commodity market and to insure for themselves reasonably constant incomes.

A charter of Canadian agriculture must include a clause which promises the Canadian farmer a staple market above the cost of production for that quantity of agricultural products that the state authorizes the farming industry to produce. This means that postwar agriculture is likely to demand long-term contracts for the products he produces. The farmer must know what to produce at least a year in advance of delivery, and, in the case of milk and dairy products, the contract should cover even a longer period to permit the farmer to plan a system of permanent agriculture.

EVALUATION

Stabilization of farm commodity prices as a current and postwar measure will likely be followed by an effort to standardize land values. The insecurity of farming as a business is mainly due to the fluctuation of farm commodity prices, but the growing demand for educational opportunities in rural communities equal to those in the urban centres, has introduced a taxation strain that must be eliminated if farming as a business is to be stabilized. Average farm incomes have not been sufficient to provide educational facilities in rural districts equal to those that exist in urban communities and all fair tax rates must be based upon income.

Without sound methods of evaluating farm lands, it is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy a farmer's income. All attempts are doomed to failure to evaluate farm lands without first stabilizing farm commodity prices. If potatoes happen to be the main cash crop of a particular community and the average yield for the soil area involved is 10 tons per acre and the price of potatoes is stabilized at \$20 a ton, then it is relatively easy to establish a basic land value. On the other hand, if potato prices fluctuate from \$5 to \$30 a ton, all attempts to establish fundamental land values have no basis. In the charter of Canadian agriculture, there is likely to be a clause which demands the establishment of basic land values based upon fixed ranges of farm commodity prices.

Weed Valuable In Blood Clotting

GOOD MEDICINE from an evil weed is the possibility held forth by experiments on the blood-clotting power of an extract from bindweed or wild morning-glory, carried on at Iowa State College, U.S.A., by Prof. A. L. Bakke and Dr. Norman D. Render.

Wild morning-glory is one of the most troublesome cornfield weeds known in the whole midwest. It is so bad that if a farmer has it in his fields, he will have trouble getting a loan from his bank.

In the course of studies looking toward a possible control means, Prof. Bakke and Dr. Render were cutting up some of its fleshy roots, to make chemical analyses. They accidentally nicked their fingers several times, deep enough to cause free bleeding. Yet each time the blood flow stopped immediately.

Their curiosity aroused, the two plant physiologists made extracts from carefully dried roots, and also from stems and leaves, and tried them on a group of volunteer patients at one of the state hospitals in Iowa, who willingly offered their fingers to the scalpel. The extract proved to have high clot-causing power.

The researchers suggest that a medically valuable extract may be obtained from the plant, which hitherto has not been known to possess a single redeeming feature. Right now, with a long and bloody war in prospect, any practical production of a blood-clotting drug from a large-scale, cheap source would be a veritable godsend.

Training Army's 'Junior Leaders'



Main purpose of the Junior Leaders' School at Megantic, Que., is to train noncommissioned officers and instructors of good standing for the Canadian army. Only school of its kind in Canada, it has operated since the summer, 1941, and is under the command of Lt.-Col. L. P. Cliche. Because of need for French-speaking instructors it now serves as a training centre for carefully

selected junior leaders. A wide range of specialized subjects are taught during the six weeks training. Upper left photo shows soldiers running across swing bridges which are used occasionally before more substantial bridging is available. Extreme care in balancing is a necessity in this undertaking. Upper right, Lt. Cpl. Leandre Dulac of Quebec and Cpl. E. Martin of Prince Rupert,

B.C., are about to fire a smoke shell, lending realism to manoeuvres. Middle left, soldiers climb over a wall which blocks their assault of a nearby forest, while middle right shows troops using various platoon methods advancing cautiously over open terrain and protected by smoke bombs. Cpl. A. Aucoin of Sydney, N.S.; Cpl. J. A. Melancon of Moncton, N.B.; Lt. Cpl. L. Dulac of Quebec, and Cpl. E.

Martin of Prince Rupert are included in the photo. Lower left, demonstrates the training offered by natural conditions. Pte. D. Bousquet of Winnipeg is virtually hidden by the bushes and by the machine gunner, Cpl. John Cooper of Huntingdon, Que. Lower right shows Pte. Clement Denomme of Verner, Ont., armed with an anti-tank rifle, watching the approach of an "enemy" tank.

Predict Weather Conditions With Home-made Glass

By JOSEPH H. KRAUS

MAYBE YOU won't be able to predict the weather 24 or more hours in advance every day, but you'll have fun trying.

Due to wartime emergency and the fact that weather reports are likely to prove helpful to the enemy, the Weather Bureau no longer sends out forecasts of tomorrow's weather conditions, except storm warnings. So let's make a weather glass for our private forecasting bureau.

During the days of early sailing vessels and clipper ships, officers consulted a weather glass similar to the one illustrated at (1) in the diagram, right. This was blown from glass. In use it was partially filled with water, to which a small quantity of ink had been added for color.

When a change in weather conditions was about to take place, the column of water in the spout would rise or fall, depending on the weather to come. Sometimes water would drip out of the spout to be caught in the receptacle at the bottom. A piece of blotting paper placed there would leave a tell-tale mark.

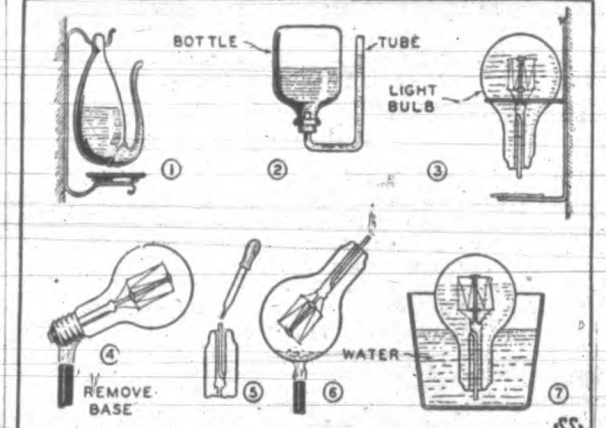
HOW IT WORKS

A weather glass of this type is not an infallible forecaster, but it does help to predict weather conditions.

This is the principle upon which the weather glass works. Normally, at sea level, air has a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch. This air pressure is within the glass-walled vessel as well as on the outside. Thus an equilibrium is reached which maintains the height of the water inside and out, at about an even level.

But when water vapor is present in the air in larger quantities, the outside air becomes lighter and the pressure outside the vessel is lower. The normal pressure within the glass container now tends to push the water out, thus the liquid level rises on the outside.

This action is assumed to take



place while the temperature is fairly constant. With an increase in temperature, the air within the weather glass expands and also causes movement of the water in the spout, although there may be the same amount of moisture in the air outside. Thus the reading may be inaccurate.

CONSTANT TEMPERATURE

This weather glass is most reliable if it is operating under a reasonably constant temperature. If you can see a definite rise or fall of the liquid within a short period of time, say an hour or two, you may be assured that a change in weather is about to take place.

Making a weather glass from material generally available in the average home is rather easy. Such an article will function in a fashion similar to the clipper ship unit.

Select a one-pint bottle, preferably something fancy (a pinch bottle is excellent), and fit this with a one-holed stopper into which a glass U-tube has been slipped. This tube may be purchased at the local drugstore.

Fill the bottle nearly to the top with water, colored with a few drops of ink and suspend the unit from wires or put it on any other suitable support. Provide a place

for the overflow, invert the bottle and you have your weather glass.

USING OLD BULBS

Old, burned-out incandescent bulbs also can be converted into similar weather glasses. Here it is preferable to use a clear bulb because of its more ornamental effect. However, the construction details cover the frosted bulbs also.

Grasp the lamp between the fingers at the bulbous portion and hold over the flame of a Bunsen burner or gas range, as shown at (4). This will heat the brass shell and loosen the solder so that the shell can be removed from the lamp with a pair of pliers. When this is done, the lamp will appear as at Fig. 6.

With a file, carefully nick the small glass stem which projects and break it off.

With the aid of a medicine dropper, inject a few drops of water into the tiny tube. Now heat the bulb carefully until the water boils. The steam will drive out most of the air. Continue to boil the water for a minute or two and then quickly invert the stem in a tumbler of water previously colored with a few drops of ink, as shown at (7). The water will soon be "sucked up" in the bulb. Support the filled bulb from a

wire rack as illustrated in Fig. 3. This rack can be made from an old wire coat hanger merely by twisting one arm to form the support for the bulb and the other arm to serve as a support for a piece of blotting paper.

In all respects this weather glass now will function substantially the same as those illustrated as Figs. 1 and 2.

AVOID BURN

If during the operation disclosed at Fig. 6 you find that the lamp becomes too hot to handle, fold a piece of ordinary writing paper into a strip approximately an inch wide. Three or four folds will be sufficient. Wrap this paper around the narrow portion of the lamp and clamp it between the fingers. You will find the paper makes a very serviceable holder and you will be able to continue the boiling operation for quite a while with perfect comfort.

If you discover that you have not broken off the glass stem carefully and there are jagged edges, try flashing them by holding in the gas flame. But be careful that you do not seal the opening. If it tends to close, it can be flared slightly by inserting the sharpened end of a match stick while the glass still is hot.

BIGGEST MAGNESIUM PLANT

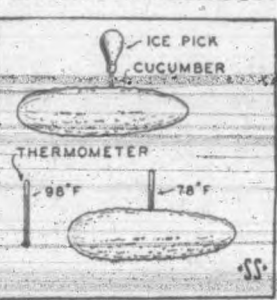
The new magnesium plant at Las Vegas, Nevada, is the largest in the world with a capacity 3½ times the total U.S. output in 1941, according to a statement of the Office of War Information of the W.P.B. The Basic Magnesium plant, as it is called, is the latest of five huge magnesium plants that have lately entered production. All were financed and are owned by the government.

Completion of the program will place the United States far in the lead of all other countries in the production of magnesium, a place formerly held by Germany, and will help us to produce more air planes, incendiary bombs, flares and tracer bullets.

How Cool Is the Famous Cucumber?

AS COOL AS A cucumber is an old saying. But just how cool is a cucumber? Until recently, no one had taken the trouble to find out just what its temperature really is.

A surgical nurse made such tests when the temperature outside was hovering at 98 degrees Fahrenheit. This nurse drove a hole into a cucumber with an ice pick and inserted a thermometer. This experiment, repeated several times, showed that inside a cucumber it is fully 20 degrees cooler than the outside air. While the thermometer outside regis-



tered 98 degrees the thermometer in the cucumber registered only 78 degrees.

Myra Hess Braves Blitz in Longest Engagement

By ROSETTE HARGROVE

LONDON.

MYRA HESS, world-famous pianist, last fall celebrated the third anniversary of an almost incredible concert "engagement" that included performances five days a week without interruption through some of the most terrible days of the blitz.

It all began a few weeks after the war started. Myra Hess was determined that the people should have music, despite the war. She received hearty co-operation from the National Gallery's trustees and the director, Sir Kenneth Clark, and on Oct. 30, 1939, the public was admitted to the first concert ever given in this famous art museum. The concerts have been going on ever since.

For this first concert, 200, perhaps 300, people were expected to attend. Over 1,000 tried to get in. There were seats for only 250, but somehow, 800 managed to wedge into the hall to enjoy the music, many sitting on the floor or perching on the window sills.

NAZI RAIDERS SENT THEM UNDERGROUND

Until September, 1940, when the Battle of Britain started, the concerts were held under the Dome, but the increase in German daylight raids over the city compelled a transfer to a room below street level. Only once have the concerts had to take refuge outside the National Gallery.



War-harassed Britons crowd the seats, pack the aisles as Dame Myra Hess plays at the 500th of the now-famous National Gallery Concerts in London.

In October, 1940, the room next to the concert room received a direct hit. Two days later, during the concert time, a time bomb was discovered in the wrecked room. The pianist and her audience moved across Trafalgar Square to South Africa House, but the concerts were back in their original quarters the next day.

There was also the time when a bomb fell squarely on the National Gallery, adding to the pre-

vious destruction, and the concerts had to be moved to another part of the building. The explosion was felt miles away, but none in the audience moved and there was not a note faltered under the performer's steady hands.

After this, bombs fell nearby. The audience thought nothing of having to arrange their chairs around pools of water from burst mains, in a roofless, unheated room, after having picked their way to the hall through still-

burning streets strewn with the debris of wrecked buildings.

And so it went. During 1941's terrific bombings, the concerts were held, promptly at 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, without a break. This June, when air raids in London had eased off, the concerts were moved back under the Gallery's dome, and have been held there ever since. Myra Hess is particularly proud of the fact that it is largely due to American gener-

osity that she has been able to carry on the concerts which have brought solace and relaxation to so many thousands of war-harassed Britons. When the concerts had to be transferred to the underground "shelter room," it was found impossible to cover expenses. On New Year's Day, 1941, Myra Hess launched an appeal for help.

Having toured the United States for more than a decade before the war, she was a favorite of music lovers in hundreds of American communities. Donations from them to the concert fund flowed across the Atlantic and to date, they amount to some \$16,000.

DECORATED FOR SERVICES

An admission fee of a shilling is charged for the concerts, putting them within reach of almost every purse. Myra Hess was determined that the Musicians' Benevolent Fund should benefit from the project, and up to now, over \$50,000 have been paid out in donations to the fund and in fees to artists. The latter are fixed—no matter how celebrated the performer. Soloists get five guineas, quartettes 12 guineas.

In recognition of her great war service, Myra Hess was made a Dame of the British Empire on June 12, 1941. The next day, Queen Elizabeth came to the concert to congratulate Dame Myra. Her Majesty's third visit was quite informal, the Queen sitting among the audience in the front row, and allowing a newsreel to be taken.

Gallant Galahad Inspires Latest in Short Coiffures

By ALICIA HART

SIR GALAHAD, the fair-haired boy of King Arthur's Round Table, inspires a new short coiffure by a beauty authority noted for the distinctive products of her imagination and skill.

Together with the new, easily-managed "do," this expert now emphasizes home care of the hair with the same products and methods used in her Fifth Avenue salon. These are "firsts" worth the notice of every charm-conscious woman. They signalize the sweep of today's down-to-earth fashions.

The Galahad is done with quite short hair—four inches, even three—before the permanent is given. The locks are brushed out all around from the centre of the crown and are shaped to form an oval around the face. The ends are waved, set, brushed out. Result: a soft effect at sides and in front, but also a close-cropped, smoothly informal look.

AVOIDS HARSH EFFECTS

The curls on the forehead may be arranged several ways, avoiding a harsh straight bang effect. For formal occasions, back hair can be tucked under an extra-hair-chignon.

In fact, the Galahad's sponsor is developing a whole series of chignons and braids to go with it for special evenings. One, soon to be introduced, has a hollow place to hold the wearer's own hair, an elastic arrangement which reduces the task of putting on the chignon to no task at all.

So if you still have long curls—better think over these simplicity suggestions, and their portent for wartime charm. A simple, hair-pinless basic coif and some home-work will reduce a beauty budget considerably. Home routines save time also.

Women, with hair texture that is normal, or that tends toward dryness or coarseness are divided to give themselves a soapless oil shampoo at least once a month. For this purpose, the house now makes available a product formerly employed in salon treatments.

The bottle is immersed in warm water, to warm it. About three tablespoons of the preparation are poured into a saucer with a piece of cotton. When hair and scalp are thoroughly saturated, a hot towel is wrung dry, wrapped around the head, and kept on till cool.

This is repeated two or three times, then with a small amount of water, the scalp and hair are rubbed thoroughly. More water is used and the rubbing is repeated, then the hair is rinsed, and dried. There's no soap, no alkali. No special rinse is required.

Hair can further be benefited

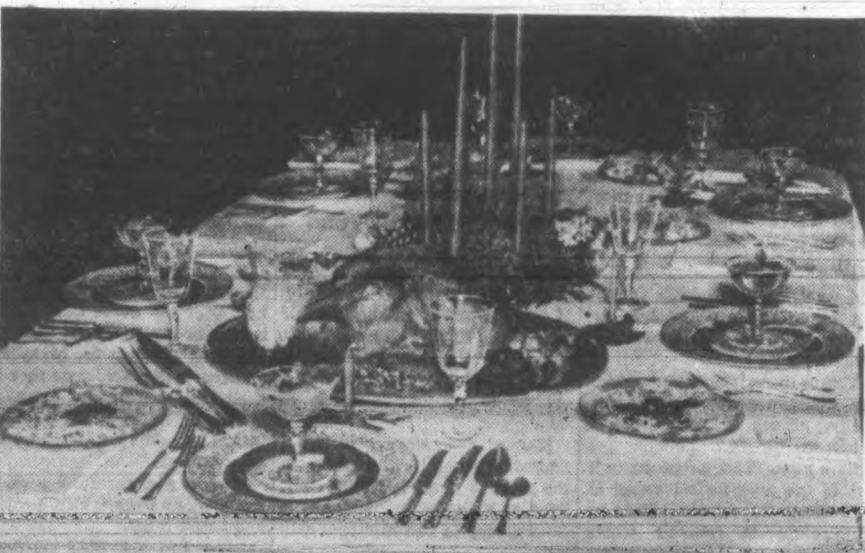


Galahad, the gallant young knight of Arthurian legend, bobs up in today's news as the inspiration for the newest thing in short speed-coiffures. At left is the famous Watts painting of Galahad; above, the Galahad "do" for which it served as model.

by prefacing the soapless shampoo treatment by some massage with a cream long well known among skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts who used it both to prevent and to remedy chapped skin. This is fine for the hands together, smooth, lightly

over the hair, and brush thoroughly. Massage into scalp with fingertips. The salon uses this cream in giving a permanent, also. It is about to make available for home use its two hair tonics, one for dry and one for oily hair.

Decorations Should Be Simple This Year



THE CHRISTMAS dinner table pictured here has the festive appearance the season calls for, but it has been achieved with very little outlay, which is important when money is needed for the war effort. This year money that would normally be spent on special Christmas decorations should be put into war savings.

Tall red candles of varying lengths (some of them saved from last year) were grouped in the centre of the table, the flat holders concealed by a base of cedar twigs decorated with silver pine cones.

The little candlestick place cards were home made. The candles were formed by covering a pencil-thick roll of yellow paper

with red crepe paper (a twist of the yellow paper showing at the top makes the flame) and the candles were attached to a base of cardboard covered with red crepe paper and decorated with tiny sprays of cedar.

The best linen, silver and dishes and the gay decorations make a perfect though simple setting for the turkey with all the "fixings."

Pack Energy In That Lunch Box!



TODAY with hundreds of thousands of Canadian men and women engaged in war industry, the planning of the daily lunch-box becomes more important than ever before. Upon the quality of essential vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, proteins, etc., contained in the war worker's lunch depends his or her energy and stamina, and—the scale of production! When a man or woman feels "starved" after a half-day on the job, the sight of a carelessly packed lunch-box, or be-draggled-looking sandwiches is no stimulus to the appetite.

Sandwiches should be made of whole wheat or brown bread. Fillings should be different in each sandwich if possible, for the sake of variety and balanced nutrition. A chopped vegetable filling might be used in one sandwich and meat, cheese or egg combination in another. Fillings should always be moist. Meat from a left-over roast may be ground and mixed with pickles or salad dressing. Fresh bread should always be

used for lunch-box sandwiches as they must stay packaged for some time before they are eaten.

Raw fruits and vegetables are a "must" in any worker's lunch-box. Apples and oranges are an important source of vitamins and minerals that every worker needs. Radishes, celery, raw carrots and lettuce can be wrapped in waxed paper. Vegetable salads may also be used when packed in tightly covered containers which can easily be carried in the lunch-box and thrown away after use.

Although eggs may be included in sandwich spreads, one or two tasty devilled or hard-boiled eggs in the lunch-box are always welcome. Wrap each egg well in waxed paper and place it in the box where it will not be crushed.

Chocolate pudding or gelatin desserts are welcome additions to any lunch-box. They are easy to pack in covered paper containers. One way to be sure that the worker is getting the necessary pint of milk per day is to make milk the lunch-box drink. A variant might be hot cocoa in a thermos.

A lunch-box containing a combination of all these items is guaranteed to stimulate the most jaded appetite. A postcard request to the Health League of Canada, 111 Avenue Road, Toronto, will bring you a free copy of our authoritative vitamin chart.

Eggs, Cheese and Mushrooms Help You Forget Meatless Days

By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX

HERE ARE TWO substantial main dishes for meatless days. They were tested by the American Dietetics Association.

Eggs Stuffed with Mushrooms

(Serves 6)

One quarter pound mushrooms, 2 teaspoons chopped onion, 1 tablespoon butter, 6 hard cooked eggs, salt to taste, 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1 tablespoon thin cream, 1 cup medium white sauce, 1/2 cup bread crumbs.

Clean and peel mushrooms. Separate stems and caps; saute each separately in butter and onion. Peel eggs and cut in half lengthwise; remove yolks. Mash yolks, add seasonings, cream and sauteed mushroom stems. Add more seasoning if necessary. Re-fill whites with yolk mixture. Make 1 cup white sauce; add

DOROTHY We Still Have DIX SAYS: Plenty of Luxuries

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet."

Lest we forget, lest we forget."

KIPLING'S IMMORTAL lines were running through my mind the other day as I listened to a group of women holding a lodge of sorrow over the hardships the war was imposing upon them. The rationing of sugar and of gasoline. The difficulties of travel. The scarcity of household gadgets and conveniences. The inability to buy silk stockings. The exodus of good cooks from the kitchen to war plants—these were among their grievances.

Finally, a woman laughed and said: "Well, aren't we the softies, and isn't it easy to get spoiled? Here we are pitying ourselves for having to do without luxuries that most of us never had 20 years ago, and that never existed in our grandmother's time. Yet we were just as happy and contented then as we are now, and if Grandma considered herself a martyr she never made any outcry."

"Now, take silk stockings, for instance. From the howl we have been making over having our silk underwear and silk hosiery taken away from us you would think that life would be insupportable without them, yet when I was a girl we all wore cotton shimmies and cotton stockings every day. If we had one pair of silk stockings to wear to balls, we thought we were lucky, and we danced just as gaily and had just as many cut-ins as the girls do now. So maybe a girl's good times do not depend on her hose after all."

"And how long has it been since we have had gas ranges and electric iceboxes and master-mixers and automatic toasters and vacuum cleaners? Practically only since yesterday. But we are acting as though we had been born with an electric refrigerator in our mouths and we couldn't live without one. Yet I'll bet that 99 per cent of the middle-aged women in this country began housekeeping with a wood or coal stove, swept their floors with a broom, and beat up their cakes with their own good right hand."

"Of course, we are shedding bitter tears over the servant problem. But have you noticed what fortitude our husbands seem to bear the prospective loss of our cooks? When I moaned to mine that our Jane had given notice she was quitting to become a riveter, he said, sort of dreamy-like and reminiscent: 'Do you remember how you used to cook a pot roast? Oh, boy! I haven't

tasted anything like that in 15 years!' Seems kind of funny to think that we used to be as proud of our special dishes as we are now of our bridge. Maybe we will go back to it. Stranger things have happened."

"The thing that is really cutting us to the soul, though, is having our gasoline taken away from us and not being able to jump in our cars and go hither and yon as we please. Having to stay at home is going to cramp our style, but I am prophesying we will like it after we get used to it. At any rate, the very novelty of the thing should appeal to the present generation."

"I can remember—and I am not Mrs. Methuselah, either—when it never occurred to persons that in order to have a good time they had to leave home to do so, and when it would have been almost an insult to entertain one's guest at a restaurant instead of in one's own house. Perhaps it was because I was young then and had a better appetite than I have now, but I remember those long, leisurely home dinners at Mrs. Smith's or Mrs. Brown's, with plenty of good conversation, after I have forgotten a thousand feasts that I have been handed out in night clubs, where you can't hear yourself shriek above the jazz band, and from which you rush to some other place of torture where you hope your sufferings won't be so great."

"My daughters seem to think that when the taboo is put on joy-riding they had just as well enter a nunnery, so far as dates are concerned. But, in reality, it is their opportunity, if they only had sense enough to see it. For it is a law of nature that every woman shows up at her best against the background of a charming home. It is the domestic atmosphere that turns a man's thoughts toward matrimony, and it gives a girl a chance to put on her best acts, such as producing a cake she alleges she made, or doing tricks with a chafing-dish."

"There is nothing in gadding about from place to place that makes a man sentimental. Nor can any man pop the question when he is driving at 70 miles an hour and trying to keep from skidding. It is being in the kind of home he would like to have that does it. In proof whereof the fact that in the old home era there were few old maids. By the time our girls got through singing 'Blest be the tie that binds' to our best beaux, we were engaged to 'em."

"So maybe we are going to take the war restrictions in our stride, and like 'em."

This Is the Home Front Army, Mrs. Civilian Jones

By RUTH MILLETT

IF YOU, Mrs. Civilian Jones, want to get in the right frame of mind for the duration, start thinking of yourself as Private Jones.

If you can do that, you will be able to take the changes in your life and your way of living without fuss and worry. If you think of yourself as being a private in an army, rather than a civilian, you will expect your life to be completely changed by the war. You will no longer try to cling to peacetime standards of living.

As Private Jones you'll say "Yes, sir" when the government

makes a request of you. You won't reason that you'll do it if it isn't too much of a hardship or isn't too inconvenient.

DON'T EXPECT ANY LUXURIES

As Private Jones you won't expect all your peacetime luxuries—a house as warm as you like it, just exactly the food you prefer, enough gasoline to drive your car as much as you would like. Without any grumbling or complaining you'll realize that those luxuries belong to the past and to the future.

As Private Jones you won't resent being told what you can and cannot do. You will be one of a great army, and you'll expect to be told.

As Private Jones you will take long hours and hard work as a matter of course. But, as a Private Jones, you will expect to have some fun when your work is done. You need it, and it will be good for you.

As Private Jones you won't waste your working time worrying about how those in charge are managing the war. You'll do your own little job to the best of your ability, knowing that if the privates do their work well, the generals have the battle half won.

As Private Jones you will be doing your part to win the war, even though you aren't wearing a uniform and are only fighting on the home front.

An Addition

Mother (teaching son arithmetic): "Now, take the Smith family. There is Mummy, Daddy and the baby. How many does that make?"

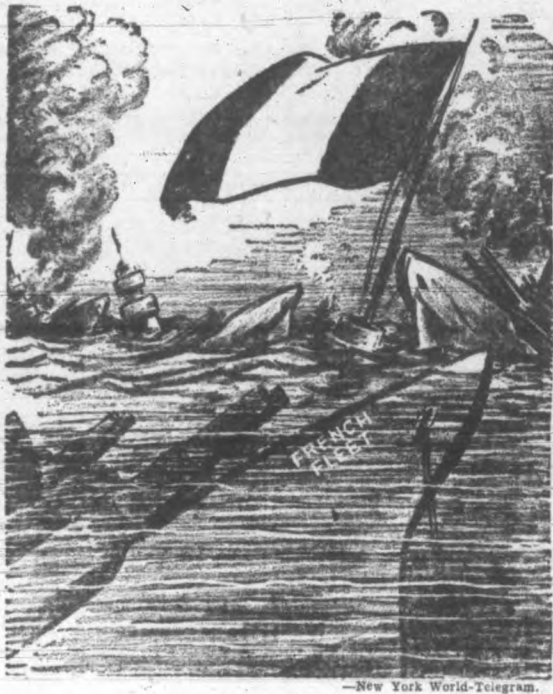
Bright son: "Two and one to carry."

A Week With the War Cartoonists

Legion of Honor

'Getting Kinda Spread Out, Aren't You, Adolf?'

The New Line



—New York World-Telegram.

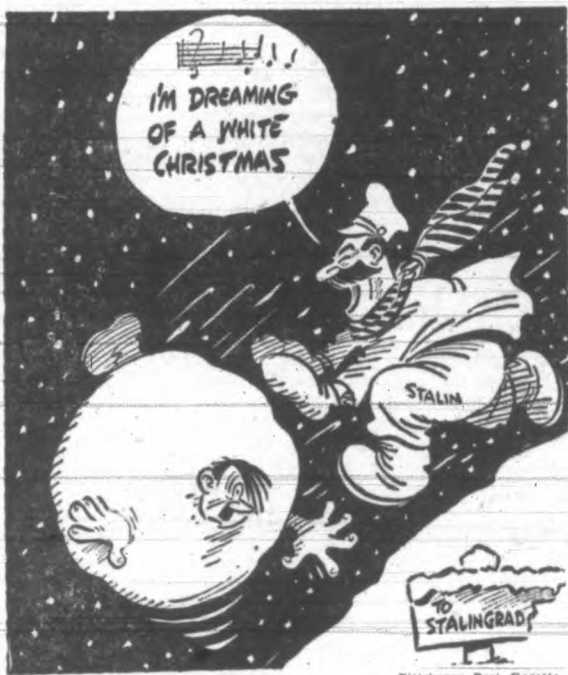


—Memphis Commercial Appeal.



—The New York Times.

A Russian Landscape



—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

One of the War's Gravest Problems



—The London Star.

Wartime Ottawa

By EDNA JAKES

LIFE IN WARTIME OTTAWA has a glamour to it that is not felt in any other city of the Dominion. Events crowd in thick and fast, the plane who sighted, far up, may be a bomber taking off into the blue Canadian sky, leaving for England, with men aboard whose mission is so important that we almost hold our breath in fear that something might happen to them, and yet, so many come and go by bomber that it is getting to be almost as commonplace as an old-fashioned buggy ride, and I am told, not nearly so comfortable.

Here, we rub shoulders with the great and the near-great. People who have done things in a big way, people who are still doing them. A man hurrying down the street ahead of you, muttering to himself, may be tomorrow's hero or today's news. He may be carrying in his bulging brief case, amendments and new laws that will change the very course of life for us, for all the years to come.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

He may be hurrying now to a meeting that will be tomorrow's history, for destiny sometimes hinges on small happenings and common little men—like him in his muddy rubbers—have been known to be the shining ambassadors of a soaring fate that carried them along on its high tide until their deeds are done and all the swift currents of a new day have settled back again into the sluggish backwash of recorded happenings.

You can feel it in yourself, too, this great moment of the world, like the pulse of spring under the wet earth, sending out life and strength and new rich blood, and you feel here, that you are part of the Empire, too, a link in the golden chain that reaches to the uttermost parts of the world. You know anew, that although we have lost precious ground, the little islands of the sea, and far outposts that they will be gathered into the fold again, and as long as England stands, staunch

behind her mighty walls, we'll stand, too, and live to see her glory rise again her towers white against the sun, her battered cities fair and filled with happy folk.

You see groups of men in earnest conference, men with bulging brief cases, hurrying along, intent on business of state and country. Every day is like a country fair, for crowds and cars and people, and you dimly realize what it takes to keep that ever-flowing stream, still flowing. Armaments, tanks, planes, guns, hospital supplies, uniforms, badges, shoes and a million unthought of items that must be checked and sorted, bought and shipped along.

And make no mistake about it, brother, no one is fooling these men. There's no empty cartridge cases, no phoney guns, no paper-soled shoes, everything they buy is 100 per cent or they just don't buy it. As one little weary stenographer said at the end of a harrowing day: "Boy! He sure knows his bacon."

The munitions and supply is the biggest set-up for purchasing that Canada has ever seen. In these sprawling cream buildings—housing thousands—is the Price Board, all kinds of inspection boards, dollar-a-year men, working like trojans, stenographers, bookkeepers, teachers, men and girls drawn from every hold and corner of Canada, buckling down

together to do a grand job, the like of which has never been seen in all our peaceful history.

But it isn't all sugar and spice. Some of the men are little Hitler types getting their first taste of power and having people under them, and are about as mean as they come, lording it over the workers, making life miserable for everyone who come under their petty sway.

But I believe we have here the finest group of men in the Dominion right here in the good old M and S, the cream of Canada's brains, and make no mistake about it, sister, these men are "real," they are razor-keen, with minds that are super swift and sure. They're tackling this gigantic new order with all the zest of the crusaders, fighting doggedly for victory far behind the battered lines, that stretch from Norway to the Cape of Good Hope.

The Rideau Canal lies still and shining, reflecting a thousand technicolor pictures in its quiet depths. A little silver mirror, winding through the city of unbelievable beauty, its stone-rimmed banks are ivy hung, little church towers and quaint houses are upside down there, kids going by on bicycles, a woman wheeling a baby carriage, an old man with a crooked cane.

And, like the fellow in the recent song, I sing to myself: "This is worth fighting for..."

'...And the Same to You'

By NELLIE L. McCLUNG
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I WISH SOME good influence could be exerted on Christmas card manufacturers to convince them that they should stick to the old models, covered bridges, coaching scenes, cats before the fire, snow-covered village streets with lighter churches, horses and cutters, angels, stars, candles, and reindeer. In addition to these, there is a wide field in the realm of flowers, birds and scenes. But the line should be drawn at Spitfires, Hurricanes and submarines. Reeking tubes and hollow shards do not look well on Christmas cards.

Christmas is like a good old trusty spring of water, coming out of a brown bank in a crystal stream. The spring may be old. It may have been running when Columbus discovered America, but the water is new every day. This year the water from the Christmas spring is doubly welcome, for our souls are saddened and thirsty, and we crave its healing, refreshment and cleansing.

Like all other people who write a regular column, I get letters from my readers, and just lately I seem to have had a great many from discouraged and angry people who feel the world is a crazy place, unfit for human beings to live in. One woman writes: "I believe the other planets use this one for their insane asylum." I'll admit that there are times when the sorrows of life seem more than anyone can bear, and when this happens, some retire behind a hedge, refusing to listen to the sad music of humanity. Some plunge into various distractions and diversions to keep them from thinking. Some go ahead doing the best they can. Most of us are all three persons at different times. Let us hope that the coming of Christmas in this year of great events may shed light on our roadway.

If the forces of darkness had been allowed to sweep across the

world unchallenged, if all the countries had thrown up their hands in surrender, we certainly would be in a place where the advice of Job's wife would apply. But we are living in a gallant world. The tyrants are challenged, the battle is joined. Even the people in chains are working for their own deliverance and ours.

In the "News of Norway," just received, there is a letter written by a girl in Norway to her brother in Britain. Listen to this: "There is a saying among the people of Norway today: I must be prepared to sacrifice all—even life itself—so that the many may live. In spite of all we suffer, many a Norwegian youth says, 'Thanks for the roses in the road, thanks for the thorns between, thanks for this ladder to heaven, thanks for a safe and eternal home.' We see a new Norway rising. In it a people cleansed new by suffering. You should see our youth! They clench their teeth and they bear unheard-of suffering. With a smile on their lips they stand up to the heaviest burdens. We have something to suffer for."

That ringing message should drive the pessimism out of any of our well-housed, well-fed Canadians, who are content to be on-lookers in this struggle. Criticism is an excellent thing, but nothing is more barren than self-pity. It returns to us void and has no more intelligence than the cawing of crows.

Let us look away from the sadness of life to what is actually happening. The hour of deliverance for the conquered nations draws near. Not only that but a new spirit is coming to the world. The Allied Nations promise food to the people of all countries, and liberty to the countries that they have had to occupy. They say, in effect, we have no territorial designs on you and no desire to interfere with your way of life. These are new words to come from the lips of a conqueror, so

new that the people find them hard to believe. Contrast these with what the dictators give to the countries on which their black hands fall. Barbed wire, concentration camps, slave labor, starvation camps, and death. They bear dividends.

I see before me, in "Time and Tide," Lady Rhonda's weekly magazine, that the "Italian prisoners in England work happily in the fields. Singing at the top of their voices, and why not? They get plenty to eat, they like agricultural work and, besides, they get paid. And what do you think they do with their wages? They put them into War Savings." This illustrates what I mean when I say that fair dealing bears dividends.

PERMANENT PEACE

Before another Christmas comes the shooting war may be over, and we will be engaged in perhaps what will be a more difficult work—that of establishing a permanent peace. For that we must now prepare ourselves, with all its implications, there is a solution, if we will take it. No, I am not advocating a "kiss-and-make-up ending" to the war. The guilty ones must be punished and reparations must be made. The Germans will have to rebuild the countries they have devastated, and restore as far as in them lies, the treasures they have destroyed. But nothing must be done in rage and vengeance. This is a war of ideals, and we must not go over to the other side. Our enemies believe in terror, and brutality. But we fight against these things. We believe in the dignity of the human soul, and the rights of men, all men; and it must be our concern to see that justice is carried out with dignity and that a distinction is made between tyrants and their victims.

When Christ rode into Jerusalem on the white donkey, with no

army, no weapon, no influential friends, with nothing but an Idea, an Idea which seemed foolish to the Greeks and Romans, who could have guessed that he would change the calendar of the whole world and create a new standard of life eventually for all people? Who would believe that this young man, an unknown carpenter of Nazareth, was destined to be the inspiration of the greatest music, architecture and literature of all time? All he had was an Idea, that man is a reasonable being, made in God's image; that his soul is immortal, and that good is stronger than evil. That is all he had, but he was sure of it and was ready to stake his life on it!

That Idea is the hope of the world. It gives the foundation for the only true peace. An empire founded on hate and force cannot stand. The truth has been demonstrated over and over again, if we are to believe history. People who follow the Christian ethics know all this and I often wonder why we are so grumbling and apologetic about it. Gen. Dobbie of Malta does not hesitate to declare his faith in the "good hand of God."

Christmas presents some problems this year. I hear a few people say they cannot rise to the occasion. But they will. I often feel like that in the dark, wet days before Christmas. There will not be expensive Christmas parties this year, I hope. There are too many imperative demands on us to spend money lightly. I have seen many a happy Christmas day which certainly did not depend on money. The presents will be different this year. And the menus too will be simpler. The cakes will be fewer, and whiter—carrot pudding will displace the regular one. We used to laugh at the man who gave his wife a load of fertilizer for a Christmas present. This year firwood will be much in favor, and a can of coffee (I hope) will take the place of the silk stock-

Big Boom



Silenced gun crew rams home the charge in a giant disappearing 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe, Va. Such modern, long-range weapons help keep our coast safe. Passed by censor.

30,000,000 Britons Now Get Food From Own Farms --- Remarkable Growth

By J. A. SCOTT WATSON
Agricultural Attaché to the
British Embassy, Washington.

This is part of a speech delivered this week to the Victoria and Islands branch of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists.

The maintenance of food supplies has been a major problem in most major wars. Indeed, throughout history, men have associated peace with plenty and war with famine. Farms are devastated by war; manpower has to be withdrawn from food production; transportation of food is interrupted; food ships are sunk; and there is inevitable loss and wastage in feeding the soldiers in the field.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Apart from the problem of labor was that of equipment and raw materials. Very early in the war we called upon the United States and Canada for the tractors, ploughs, seeders, binders and separators that we had not the facilities to make. When, after the fall of France, we lost the source of our potash supplies (France itself) and that of phosphates (in North Africa) we turned again to our friends. We got potash from Russia while we were developing a great new plant by the Dead Sea. We got phosphates from the United States.

Life for British farm men, and perhaps still more for many farm women, has been a continuous struggle to get through what looked like a series of impossible tasks. Yet all goals have been reached. The cultivated area has been raised, in three years, by 50 per cent. Acres of small grains and potatoes have increased by 66 per cent. Vegetable production has increased greatly. Milk production, the most essential thing of all, has actually risen higher during the first nine months of 1942, than ever before.

Putting the British farmer's achievement in the terms that matter, his current output, as compared with that of 1939, means a saving of fully 5,000,000 tons of shipping—the equivalent of 1,000 large shiploads of food. Meanwhile, as I shall tell you presently, British consumers have also played their part. The

farmers have been evicted since September, 1939, and these mostly for inability (often associated with old age) rather than for any unwillingness to try.

At the outbreak of war Britain was producing enough food to maintain about 16 millions out of her 47 million people. Three-fifths of her farm land was in pasture, and her herds and flocks depended upon imports of feed to the extent of about 8,000,000 tons a year—Argentine corn, Canadian and Persian barley, oilseeds from many countries, and so forth. Moreover, times had been bad for farmers on the poorer land, and a good deal of this was in course of going back to scrub, bog and moor. The scrub had to be cleared, the wet fields drained, the sour lands dressed with lime. And while all this had to go forward many able-bodied men had to leave the land for the forces, their places being taken by children and old men, by the farm women and, not least, by the city girls who were organized under the Women's Land Army. The Land Army is now 50,000 strong.

U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS

The United States are also making valuable contributions to the British larder —lard; vegetable oils for conversion into oleomargarine; dried eggs, dried milk and many more good things. The contribution of the British consumer has been the loyal acceptance of a system of food rationing that has usually meant a great change in his or her way of living. It would not be true to say that this acceptance was immediate or complete. In the early days there was some grumbling and criticism, a certain amount of scrambling and hoarding and a small amount of black market business. But the interesting thing is that these symptoms of discontent have diminished as rationing has become more severe and more complete.

Naturally, Dunkerque had a far-reaching effect on our British outlook—it gave us a better sense of proportion about the minor hardships of war. But there is another reason —namely, that people quickly became accustomed to the more frugal wartime diet. This at least has been true, even when food has been scarce, so long as people felt assured that available supplies were being fairly shared among all and sundry.

combined result of their efforts and sacrifices is that more than 30,000,000 of Britain's people are getting their wartime diet from Britain's own farms—30,000,000 instead of 16,000,000.

But the gap, even if it has been reduced by half, is still a starvation gap. It may perhaps be reduced further in another year, but complete self sufficiency, and the consequent release of Britain's entire food fleet is hardly conceivable. And if we look at a map of the world's shipping routes we shall see clearly why it is American and Canadian farmers who are being asked to fill the gap. The bringing of food to Britain or Russia, from any other possible sources, requires many more ships. In particular, Britain needs Canadian hard wheat to blend with her home-grown mixture of soft wheat, oats and barley in order to make a reasonably good loaf. She needs Canadian bacon, for bacon is a highly nourishing food in relation to the cargo space that it occupies. Denmark is out of the picture, and British production has fallen heavily. Canadian cheese and dried milk are wanted for the same reasons. British people are especially grateful for the dehydrated eggs and apples that give a most welcome relief from the rather dull monotony of the wartime diet.

LIKE TURNIPS

KOHL RABI, a vegetable with a name like a Jewish Feast Day. It resembles turnips in taste and is cooked in much the same way. It differs from the turnip, however, in that it is the swollen stem that one eats and not the root. For that reason it can be grown where turnips to a great extent, fail. Seeds should be sown early and as rapid a growth as possible gives a better quality vegetable. Plants should be thinned to about four inches apart. This can easily be done by pulling those that reach eatable size as soon as possible. It is not wise to let kohlrabi grow for too long a time, for the swollen stems become tough and stringy with age.

BROCCOLI

This is a vegetable that closely resembles cauliflower and the heads are whitened in much the same way. It is, however, a much harder plant, and the heads are much smaller. It is recommended as a good winter crop anywhere on Vancouver Island. Sow seeds outdoors about the middle of May and set the tiny plants out about the first week in July. One or two waterings after planting are usually necessary. Broccoli is a cool-weather vegetable and will make its best growth during the fall.

ASPARAGUS

ASPARAGUS. This is one of the most prized early spring vegetables and it deserves a place in your garden. You may start by sowing seed or by buying one-year-old plants. We strongly suggest you buy the plants. You are going to need patience in making an asparagus bed and plants will help you to keep your patience. You see, no crop can be harvested the first year of planting and very little the second. During the third year you may cut for about five or six weeks only. (Did we say patience?) Rich soil is best and heavy applications of manure well worked into the soil is necessary for proper growth. When soil is prepared, dig out a trench 6 inches deep and 4 inches wide and set your plants in the bottom. Cover with 3 inches of soil, and as plants grow, fill in until surface level is reached. Keep well hoed during the summer and in the fall be sure to cut and burn all old stalks.

HERBS

In these days when dried seasonings are so scarce it might be well to experiment with herbs. All the well-known varieties can be grown from seed sown in the open ground in early spring. Dig a shallow furrow with your trowel scatter the seed in the furrow and cover lightly with soil. Here are a few of the herbs that are chiefly used for seasoning. Take your selection: Parsley, horseradish, sweet marjoram, pennyroyal, lavender, balm, thyme, horehound, hyssop, rosemary, sage, coriander, caraway, fennel, dill, sweet basil, anise, savory, borage and chives.

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ASPARAGUS BELONGS TO THE LILY FAMILY

Winter litter of pigs can be successfully and profitably raised if suitable accommodation is provided and, in addition to regular care, feeds and exercises, provision is made to supply substitutes for the soil, green crops, ultraviolet rays and warmth of the sun. For winter litters a permanent type of building is required. Walls and ceilings should be well insulated and the building properly lighted and ventilated. Cement is the most satisfactory material for floors, which should be smooth, free from cracks, well drained and kept clean and sanitary. Pens should be provided with guard rails and bedded with chaffy straw to reduce losses from trampling or crushing of young pigs. It is important to have a safe, efficient, heating system so as to maintain comfortable temperatures when the weather is cold during and after farrowing. Early treatment of litters is necessary for the prevention of anemia, which is caused by a lack of iron in the blood. As iron cannot be provided through the sow it is necessary to supply it directly to the nursing pigs, preferably by individual treatment. When the little pigs are five days old, six grains of powdered iron sulphate should be placed on the tongue of each by means of a small flat stick or spoon. This treatment should be repeated in 10 days. Approximately six grains of powdered iron sulphate can be piled loosely on a 10-cent piece. After these two treatments, the young pigs will obtain all the additional iron they require from fresh soda sprinkled with iron sulphate and supplied two or three times weekly.

Asparagus belongs to the lily family.



For Amateurs Only

By E. L. F.

Certain Victory gardeners who have been working with vegetables for a season or more, will now have a thought that it is time to branch out and try a few side lines. We know how they feel—for we've been through all the various phases of growing pains—and up to a point we're all for branching out.

Experimenting is one of the most interesting points to gardening. There's only one bit of advice we'd like to give. Don't let your experiments run away with the garden. After all, you're in this business to supply as many fresh, green vegetables as you possibly can for the family (or are we wrong?) and to keep them coming all through the year. If that's a true statement of fact, then it's the common, everyday vegetables that you should stick with. They pay the dividends all along the line.

If experiment you must, then keep it down to one or two of the lesser-known vegetables. Tuck them in a corner of the garden where you can watch them grow. No doubt you'll add a bit more uncertainty to your gardening year but you'll have a chance to do a spot of boasting across the back fence if they grow and flourish. Here are one or two suggestions you might think over while you are making your plans.

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Bull Brings Record Price



Montvic Renown, the big fellow shown here, sold for \$14,100 at Brantford, Ont. Officials said that seldom does a bull bring as high a price. Shown back of the animal, left to right, are A. N. Deacon, representing Mrs. B. M. Hallward, North Hatley, Que., who wouldn't bid higher than \$13,000; Hon. George S. Henry, Todmorden, representing the York County syndicate, who didn't want the bull at such a price; M. Cation, representing the Curtis Candy Co., Chicago, Ill., who bought Montvic Renown, and G. M. Clemons, Brantford, who sold it.

This is the highest price ever paid for a Holstein sold at public auction in Canada and is the highest price paid on the North American continent since 1926. The average for the 38 animals sold was \$1,052, a mark that has been exceeded at a Holstein dispersal sale only once in Canada and twice in the United States. The top female brought \$1,350 on the bid of Smith Haven Farm, Woodstock, Ont. Armstrong Bros., Brantford, Ont., paid \$1,250 for a four-year-old heifer and J. J. E. McCague, Alliston, Ont., \$1,010 for a two-year-old. Eleven animals went to the United States. Buyers were present from Alberta, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey and Quebec. A capacity crowd of approximately 1,000 attended.

Pig Clubs in England

A pig club combined with an allotment association—an abundance of food for the pigs; a return for the gardens by way of manure; bacon for the allotmenters to eat with their vegetables and bacon for many months outside the venture!

It's not a new idea in co-operative food production, but the Craven Vale Allotments Pig Club at Brighton is one of the most efficient and successful in the country.

Begun in December, 1940, it has already sold 80 pigs to the Ministry of Food, for the public benefit, retaining only seven for sharing among members. But this has been managed only by good organization, thrift and making-do.

The spirit of the club is one of self-help blended with mutual assistance. Thus, one of the members describes what they have done:

"Ours is a club of individual pig-owners, not a co-operative club."

"We have constructed our own sties, from whatever materials were offering and, in one or two cases, from disused allotment huts."

"There is nothing shoddy or untidy about the sties. They are so constructed that the owners can work in clean conditions, even in wet weather, and care is taken to collect the liquid manure properly so that it is neither wasted nor offensive to others."

"Wherever possible, we have used bricks. The sties are well designed and so strongly constructed that they should remain in good condition after the war."

"There is a food store and cooking-shed in which the swill is boiled. Both, too, were built by the members."

"Shortage of coal for swill-boiling does not worry us; we manage to find materials of one kind and another, such as bark from sawmills and sifted cinders with which to carry on."

"The waste from the allotments provides an abundance of food supplementary to the swill and the 'official' meal allowance. On that diet the pigs keep in a very healthy condition."

"Further, the keeping of pigs in small units spread over a large area of allotment ground prevents any possibility of nuisance or danger to health occurring. It seems a pity that there should not be groups of small pigsties associated with every allotment association in the country."

"In view of the criticisms so often heard that well-built sties cannot be afforded, the standard of efficiency and cleanliness achieved by some of our members is notable."

Belladonna Now Being Produced In N. America

Fields of belladonna, the drug called "deadly nightshade," have been harvested by North American farmers for the first time to replace former imports from central Europe.

Yields are good and quality is satisfactory, the average content of active constituents being almost twice the U.S. Pharmacopoeia standard.

Medicines are prepared from belladonna leaves, roots, or the potent white crystals extracted from them.

Physicians often prescribe them for such uses as relaxing asthmatic spasms, drying and dilating the bronchial tubes and to relieve pain. Belladonna liniment or plaster has long been used for relief of neuralgic or rheumatic pain and in the form of suppositories for painful hemorrhoids. Eye specialists use it extensively to facilitate examinations because it paralyzes the adjustment mechanism of the eyes and dilates the pupil.

The name, bella donna, itself means "beautiful lady," referring to its use by the women of old Italy to dilate eye pupils, giving them a more alluring lustre.

Although some of the drug has been grown on this continent for many years, the main source has been central Europe. But in 1940 the U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry anticipated a shortage, planted the drug for seed and has since bought seed from other sources.

This was distributed last spring to growers, and between 400 and 500 acres were harvested this fall in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio and other states.

Supplies are adequate at present to meet military and civilian needs, the Agricultural Research Association of the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates.

Only a small acreage is needed to supply the nation, and growing drug plants is a highly specialized business, drug specialists of the Bureau of Plant Industry warn.

HOLSTEINS

Colony Vrouka Sir Hengerveld 3rd has received honorable mention in the class for two-year-old bulls in the All-Canadian Holstein contest just concluded. Owned by G. A. Paul & Sons, Matsqui, he was first prize two-year-old, senior and grand champion at Chilliwack Fair.

The all-Canadian contest provides for an all-Canadian and a reserve to be selected in each of the regular show classes by a committee composed of the judges at the leading fairs of the Dominion. The all-Canadians are as follows:

Aged cow, Glen Valley Pictie Beauty, for Egton Hall Farm, King, Ont.; four-year-old heifer, Nellie Alcarra Gerben, for Hays & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta.; three-year-old heifer, Cedar Dale Man-O-War Carol, for M. J. Tamblin, Ororo, Ont.; two-year-old heifer, Strathmore Hello Winsome Flood, for C. P. R. Demonstration Farm, Strathmore, Alta.; senior yearling heifer, Strathmore Lady Aggie Hello, for C. P. R. Demonstration Farm and Hays & Co., Ltd.; junior yearling heifer, Susie Canary Columbus, for W. G. Whitney, Milverton, Ont.; heifer calf, Laurene Francey, for W. B. Struthers, Milverton, Ont.; aged bull, Sprucehaven Farm Hermit, for Province of Saskatchewan; three-year-old bull, Eaton Hall Chief tain Payne, for Arch. Muir, Courville, Ont.; two-year-old bull, Lynwood Senator Mercedes, for Estate of J. C. Karn and Karn Bros., Woodstock, Ont.; senior yearling bull, Westland Hayden Monarch, for Hays & Co., Ltd. and F. W. Leeson & Son, Didsbury, Alta.; junior yearling bull, Montvic Rag Apple Achilles, for Smith Haven, Woodstock, Ont.; bull calf, Montvic Emperor Bonnie, for Chas. T. Shaver, Aultsville, Ont.; get-of-sire by Colony Flood Sir Hengerveld, for C.P.R. Demonstration Farm; produce-of-dam from Lynwood Blanche, Canby, for John C. Freel & Sons, Thamesford, Ont.

Top two-year-old was Clover Bar Mary, producing 11,034 pounds milk, 575 pounds of fat, for G. Rouse & Son, Beamsville, Ont.

In the 305-day division, the mature class leader was Doris's Princess Nancy 2nd, owned by Carl Ellis, Hespeler, Ont., producing 8,889 pounds milk, 508 pounds fat.

G. Rouse & Son, Beamsville, Ont., also topped the four-year-old class, with Clover Bar Nettie, making 9,360 pounds milk, 518 pounds fat and dropping a second calf just 114 months after beginning lactation.

Leading position in the three-year-old class went to Bellanna Royal Anne's Gem, owned by President Geoff. MacDonnell, Sardis, B.C., and producing 7,812 pounds milk, 443 pounds fat. Top two-year-old record was that of King Creek Brookdale, owned by W. C. Harrie, King, Ont., and producing 9,026 pounds milk, 434 pounds fat.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

At present in Canada, the bacon hog and the Wiltshire side are major products. The first shipments of Wiltshire bacon from Canada occurred about 60 years ago, but for more than 20 years the pig for pork has dominated Canada's swine production.

Alfalfa is less troubled with disease than is red clover. The worst enemy of alfalfa is dodder.

Garden Notes

By Victoria Horticultural Society

PRUNING

The hatchet season has arrived again, when individuals take to the trees to rectify conditions of excessive shade and obstructed views. Already many glaring examples may be seen of how trees should not be pruned. If limbs have to be removed, cut them flush with the old limb, without leaving a stub. Apply a neutral colored paint to the cut surface. If a rapidly growing tree is becoming too large for its position, by all means remove it. Don't leave an ugly scarred tree that has to be mutilated each year to keep it within bounds.

Shrub for quick screen: One of the fastest growing shrubs is the elder. Though it likes moist loamy soil, it thrives well, when once established, on barren sandy spots and can be recommended for such places. It grows rankly, but stands pruning well. It is easily propagated by layering or cuttings. The native elder has red berries, but the European species, which is most common in cultivation, has black berries, which incidentally make very attractive jelly. There are also several forms with attractive variegated and golden foliage.

Early Brussels sprouts don't pay. They look better on the show table than they taste. That's the writer's conviction after having matured nice looking sprouts by the end of August this year. They didn't taste good until early November and by that time, rot and aphid had taken their toll. In addition, the heavy foliage growth during July and August shaded other plants nearby which were of more value than the sprouts. Planted later, other plants would

not have been stunted to the same extent.

In Seattle this fall 5,000 people paid 25 cents each to see the Harvest Show at the Baseball Stadium. When are we going to become Victory Garden minded? The most colorful displays of flower, fruit and foliage during the winter months in local gardens are chiefly made by species and varieties of only four genera—the barberries, cotoneasters, heathers and pyracanthas.

Five British prisoners of war have passed their Royal Horticultural Society's senior examination in prison camps in Germany. Our sister Chrysanthemum Society deserves special congratulations for staging the finest display of chrysanthemums yet seen in this city.

Late note: Cultivation of Victory Gardens is desirable in view of the farm labor shortage. Such is the statement just received from Hon. K. C. MacDonald, B.C. minister of agriculture, by this society. This should add considerable impulse to the work of local Victory Garden committees throughout the province.

APPLES INCREASE

According to the last official report of the 1942 season, the Canadian apple crop is now set at 4,210,000 barrels, an increase of 18 per cent on the 1941 crop, but 13 per cent below the five-year (1936-40) average of 4,813,000 barrels.

A diminution of tea supplies to North America has called attention to the South American evergreen tree, Mate, which has been used for centuries in that continent as a beverage. Like tea it has a somewhat bitter taste, a liking for which has to be acquired.

Clean up all old vegetable tops and destroy them. They too often harbor insect pests.

SWINE

Winter litter of pigs can be successfully and profitably raised if suitable accommodation is provided and, in addition to regular care, feeds and exercises, provision is made to supply substitutes for the soil, green crops, ultraviolet rays and warmth of the sun.

For winter litters a permanent type of building is required. Walls and ceilings should be well insulated and the building properly lighted and ventilated. Cement is the most satisfactory material for floors, which should be smooth, free from cracks, well drained and kept clean and sanitary. Pens should be provided with guard rails and bedded with chaffy straw to reduce losses from trampling or crushing of young pigs.

It is important to have a safe, efficient, heating system so as to maintain comfortable temperatures when the weather is cold during and after farrowing.

Early treatment of litters is necessary for the prevention of anemia, which is caused by a lack of iron in the blood. As iron cannot be provided through the sow it is necessary to supply it directly to the nursing pigs, preferably by individual treatment. When the little pigs are five days old, six grains of powdered iron sulphate should be placed on the tongue of each by means of a small flat stick or spoon. This treatment should be repeated in 10 days. Approximately six grains of powdered iron sulphate can be piled loosely on a 10-cent piece. After these two treatments, the young pigs will obtain all the additional iron they require from fresh soda sprinkled with iron sulphate and supplied two or three times weekly.

Asparagus belongs to the lily family.

Photographic Prizewinner



"Race Postponed," by R. P. Herzfeld, a top-ranking print hung at the International Salon of Photography in Victoria.

India—Britain's Headache

By H. WYATT

ON OCT. 15, at a public gathering in New York, Mr. T. A. Raman, a leading Indian editor recently in England, said: "I want to bear witness to the genuine goodwill for the cause of India's freedom which exists in Britain today, and which has been growing rapidly in recent years. If tomorrow there is to be an announcement of the settlement of the Indian problem, then every member of the House of Commons will stand up and cheer."

If the British people and the British Government are one in their desire for a free India, why is not India given her freedom immediately? What bars the way? The answer to this question cannot be given in this first article, but the ground can be cleared for a subsequent answer. The character of the problem that perplexes Indians and British alike can be stated.

Let us begin by reminding ourselves that India is a continent like Europe, alike in size (if we exclude Russia from Europe), and in population—around 400,000,000 people, rapidly increasing in India, which already has far more inhabitants than both the Americas together, a fifth of the people of the globe! Both these continents with their big populations, contain several peoples marked different in race, language, traditions, habits of mind and ways of life. Now Europe, unlike India, has for many generations enjoyed, or at least possessed political independence of outside rule—no America or Britain or China has exercised control. The continent has governed itself. But are its people free? Alas, they are not. Most of the peoples in Europe today are enslaved to the biggest and strongest people within the continent, the Germans and, by a fitting irony, the "master people" are the most enslaved of them all. Their bodies are ordered to the slaughter and their souls are the victims of a lie, from which it may be very difficult to release them.

The first thing to note then is that a continent's political independence of outside control need not convey freedom. Its peoples may be enslaved one to another, and the master people may enjoy the most degrading slavery. Well-meaning advocates of India's immediate independence may unwittingly be clamoring for the slavery, not the freedom; the misery, not the welfare of a fifth of the people of the globe. This possibility cannot be lightly set aside. It will be better to require some preliminary assurance.

There is another caution, the need for which a reference to Europe will illustrate. In Canada, in the U.S.A., in Great Britain we accept the principle of government by the will of the majority. But let us apply this principle to the continent of Europe. The Poles and the Germans, to take a random example, are

neighbors, contained within a single continuous boundary. They are now under the same central government; which is in fact, and would remain on a democratic principle of majority decision, preponderantly and decisively German.

Do we conclude that the Poles, being a minority, ought to obey the will of the German majority? We do not. Why not? Because the Poles feel themselves to be a separate people, with a language, a way of life, traditions, a past, and, in their hope, a future of their own. And they would be ready to fight, and they did fight heroically, rather than be subject to the majority group, their neighbors. It seems then that rule by the will of the majority, which works well enough in a people who feel themselves one, and in whom a minority one day may become a majority later, a people who have common ambitions and a sense of kinship of the group, does not apply to groups that are fixed and separate. The smaller group would be, or fears that it would be, in permanent subjection to the bigger group if they were joined in a single government of the two of them. Unwilling union of this kind would offend against the third article of the Atlantic Charter.

Towards answering the question, "Why cannot the continent of India be given its freedom now?" it is fundamental throughout the discussion to keep clearly in mind these two cautions. Independence of outside political control may not bring freedom (it may bring enslavement), and majority rule may result in enslaving at least a minority.

Let us now turn back to India. There are many groups, and many complexities within the continent of India. And though the problem of the freedom of India is not to be solved by considering and adjusting the relations between two groups only, there are two different peoples who make up the bulk of the whole population who must at least be able to agree to live politically either together or apart, either to live under separate constitutions or as a single union, if the continent is to have any government of its own at all.

If a big majority group stands out for a union, a united India, on the principle of majority rule, and the other, a minority group, for two independent governments, on the principle of the right of a people to govern itself, and if each is prepared to go to any length to enforce its claims, "giving India her freedom" by the withdrawal of an outside control that has hitherto kept the peace, would become a mockery. It would threaten India with the loss of freedom, even with the torment and the agony that has followed the same conflict of peoples in Europe.

What are these two groups, and

are we making too much of their differences? Is the situation so bad as all that? And what can Britain or the United Nations do about it? The groups in question are a big Hindu majority. There are some 240,000,000 Hindus in India, and a minority group of some 90,000,000 Moslems. In group sentiment, in ways of life, in language affinities, in their cherished literature, in pride of their past, in their hopes for the future, and above and around all the rest, in their religion, and in the daily practices that attach to their religion, Hindus and Moslems are peoples apart.

Their religious practices, unfortunately, where the two communities are neighbors, provoke mutual ill-feeling. The Hindu venerates the cow, the Moslem offers it in sacrifice. Hindu music may disturb Moslems at worship in a nearby mosque, and the religious anniversaries of the two communities sometimes fall upon the same day. To prevent these contacts from exploding into riots and bloodshed is the constant anxiety of government district officers. Lord Irwin, when Viceroy in 1926 and again in 1927, made an earnest appeal to "the leaders and thoughtful men" in each community to get together to reconcile their differences. On the successful issue of such work depends the building of the Indian nation.

Apart from these religious differences, the Moslems were also the previous conquerors of a great part of India. They are ill content to occupy the position of a permanent minority in any new constitution for an all Indian India. On the other hand, the Congress party, constituted mainly of Hindus, is equally insistent upon a United India, meaning by that a form of government for the continent as a whole which would, as the Moslems object, assure the perpetual predominance of a Hindu majority. The Moslem League, which champions, as against the Congress, the cause of the Moslem community, rejects any so-called national government of this kind, and it claims the right of separate self-government for Moslems in a predominantly Moslem area, which it names "Pakistan."

SECTIONAL DIFFERENCES CHIEF DRAWBACK

It is the conflict of communities within India, and not an unwillingness of the British Government or people to part with power that is the chief obstacle to Indian freedom, in the sense of complete independence of alien control. The British Government has pledged self-government for India after the war, but there must at least be a government which the dominant communities accept, to hand over to, if independence during the war is to be accorded. Otherwise how is India to play her part in the conduct of a war against a formidable external foe? How indeed prevent the outbreak of a

'Jaffray of Bermuda' Tells How He Wrote 'Maple Leaf Mothers'

Capt. R. S. Jaffray, noted lyricist, soldier, traveler and raconteur, who composed among other notable lyrics, "Maple Leaf Mothers," admits to three consuming passions—lyric writing, grand opera, contract bridge.

Capt. Jaffray, who writes under the title of "Jaffray of Bermuda," where he resided many years, came back to Victoria, which he describes as a magnetic spot in his travels. Reminiscing in his suite at the Empress Hotel the other day, Capt. Jaffray told how he came to write "Maple Leaf Mothers."

"You mothers of fair Canada Have reared your sons right well; You taught them how to play the game No matter what befell. In time of peace your loving care Has made your boys strong men, And so upon your brow should rest A well-earned diadem. But what about in times of stress, The Motherland beset, Will you commence to weep and wait, Your loyalty forget? I rather fancy Mother'd think We'll have to crush the Hun; She'd bravely smile, then turn and say: 'You must go over, son!'"

PORTER BURST INTO TEARS

"I happened to be traveling between Jasper Park and Edmonton last August when I was inspired to write it," Capt. Jaffray explained. "The cause of the inspiration, doubtless, was the presence of members of the Victoria Rifles of Montreal on the train. Naturally, I dedicated it to that unit."

"I completed the lyric at 4 in the morning. I usually write at night . . . and read it to the colored porter."

On Capt. Jaffray's return to the east it was set to music by Louis Drakeford of New York.

BROADCAST PLANNED

The lyric came to the notice of Premier W. L. Mackenzie King, who, the author states, was tremendously impressed by it and suggested that it be broadcast over the air. Capt. Jaffray said that plans are under way to broadcast "Maple Leaf Mothers" over CBC network in the near future.

In 1937 Capt. Jaffray composed another notable lyric, "I Would Not Dare."

"I would not dare to lie abed While God is making morn, The miracle which comes each day. Since this fair world was born: While on the air in clarion tones Rings out the huntsman's horn, I would not dare."

I would not dare to turn my back Upon the setting sun, That radiant orb—our greatest friend Since this world was begun; And which turns red on leaving us Before its course is run; I would not dare."

CHALAPIN SANG IT

Fedor Chalapiin, the noted Russian basso, sang "I Would Not Dare" in Vienna in October, 1939. Praising the lyric in extravagant terms, Chalapiin said to Jaffray: "Every word of it is meat; that is why I love to sing it."

Twelve years ago, at the suggestion of Lord Knutsford, Capt. Jaffray, while in England, wrote "A Yankee Gesture," dedicating it to the London Hospital. An addenda has since been written by Mrs. Arthur MacNamara.

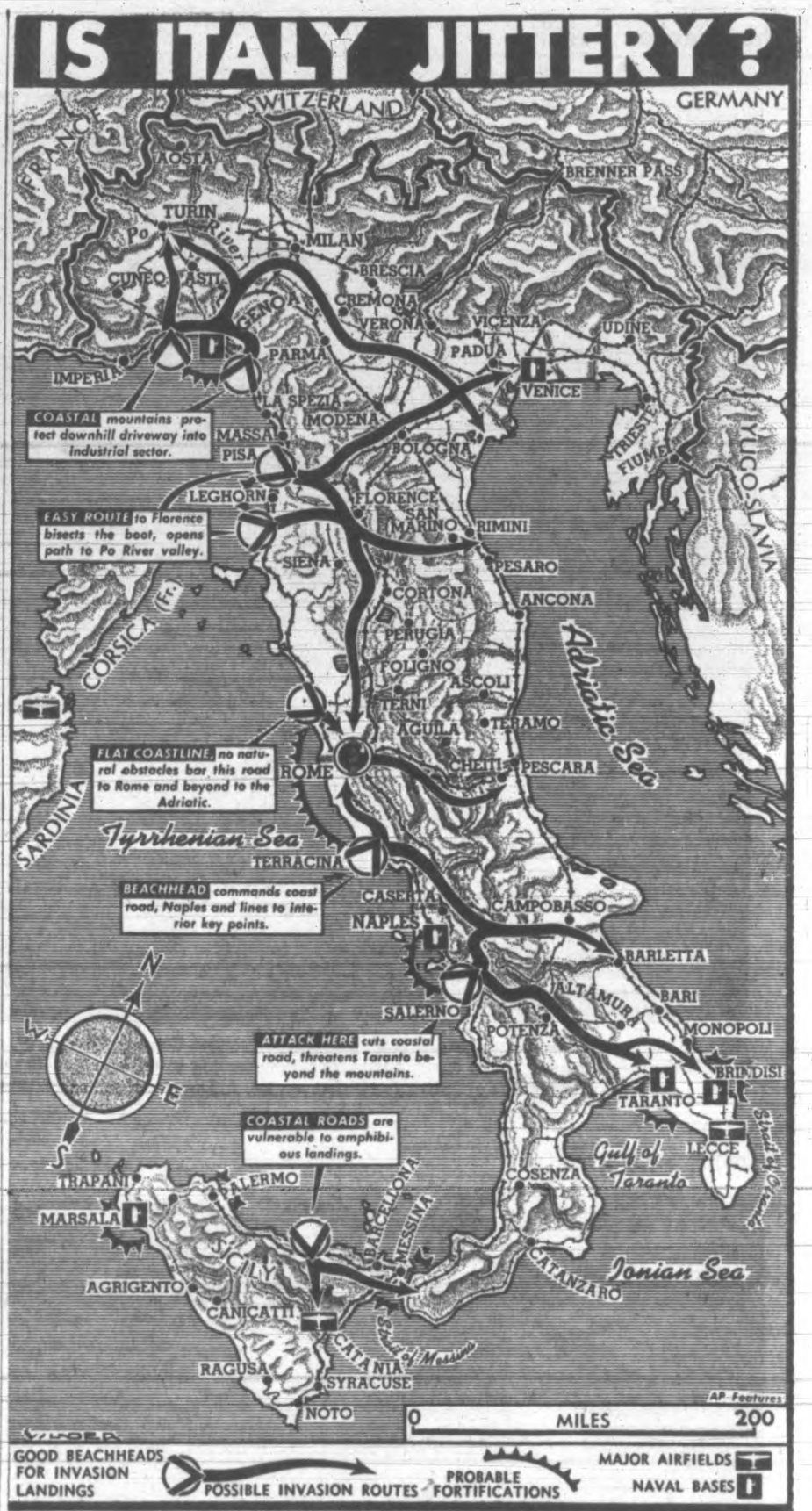
In it are some of Capt. Jaffray's latest lyrics. Attorney-General R. L. Maitland has a

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By JOHN GROVER

MILITARY MEN, not given to under-estimating the enemy, account Italy by far the most open to attack and the "softest touch" of the Axis powers.

Italy has no modern coastal defences-in-depth comparable to the elaborate system erected by the Nazis on the North Sea and Norwegian seaboards. Her thousands of miles of coastline make such enterprises virtually impossible.

Some of the important port cities have harbor defences. The best information available indicates they are less than adequate.

The ease with which Britain's fleet drew up and lobbed a flying salvo of heavy shells into Genoa is the tipoff on their effectiveness.

Mussolini himself admitted the anti-aircraft defences were insufficient. He said his Nazi bosses were "going to" share attack equipment with Italy, but present fact is that they aren't employed yet.

U.S. correspondents who kept their eyes open while stationed in Italy report the mountain passes but sketchily fortified.

While much of Italy's Mediterranean coastline is mountainous, there are a number of potential landing spots close to the vitals of Mussolini's bailiwick.

There are several passes leading through the coast mountains from the Savona-Genoa beach. These mountains are roughly 1,300 to 1,500 feet high, relative foothills to Canadian and American regiments trained in the 11,000-foot Cascades.

The passes lead to the Po Valley, where lie Turin and Milan, already under attack from the air. The Po is a broad valley, made to order for mechanized attack.

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without will mark the conclusion of the present war in Europe, will the removal of outside control mark the beginning of civil war in India?

We shall do what we shall do to help the decision. For we, too, of the United Nations are participants in the same great drama, India and Europe pose on a smaller scale the same question that is asked of us all. They encounter within their own borders the same international problem that besets the whole globe. Will we espouse the greater allegiance to a commonwealth of all humanity, or will we still cling to the partial patriotisms of separate peoples?

Italy's defences along her northern Alpine border face the wrong way. She expected land attack only from France or Austria. Her strategy was based on a navy designed to keep invasion fleets away from the boot.

The Italian navy, however, elected to build its ships for speed at the sacrifice of armor. It was a mistake. The torpedo plane has nullified speed in ships. The Fascist navy has been a bust so far.

The Italians with Nazi help, are reportedly busy fortifying the obvious soft spots. Military men don't discount the fact that such improvised defences can be tough, but they aren't as tough as carefully planned permanent emplacements. That is why they say Italy is the softest touch in the Axis.

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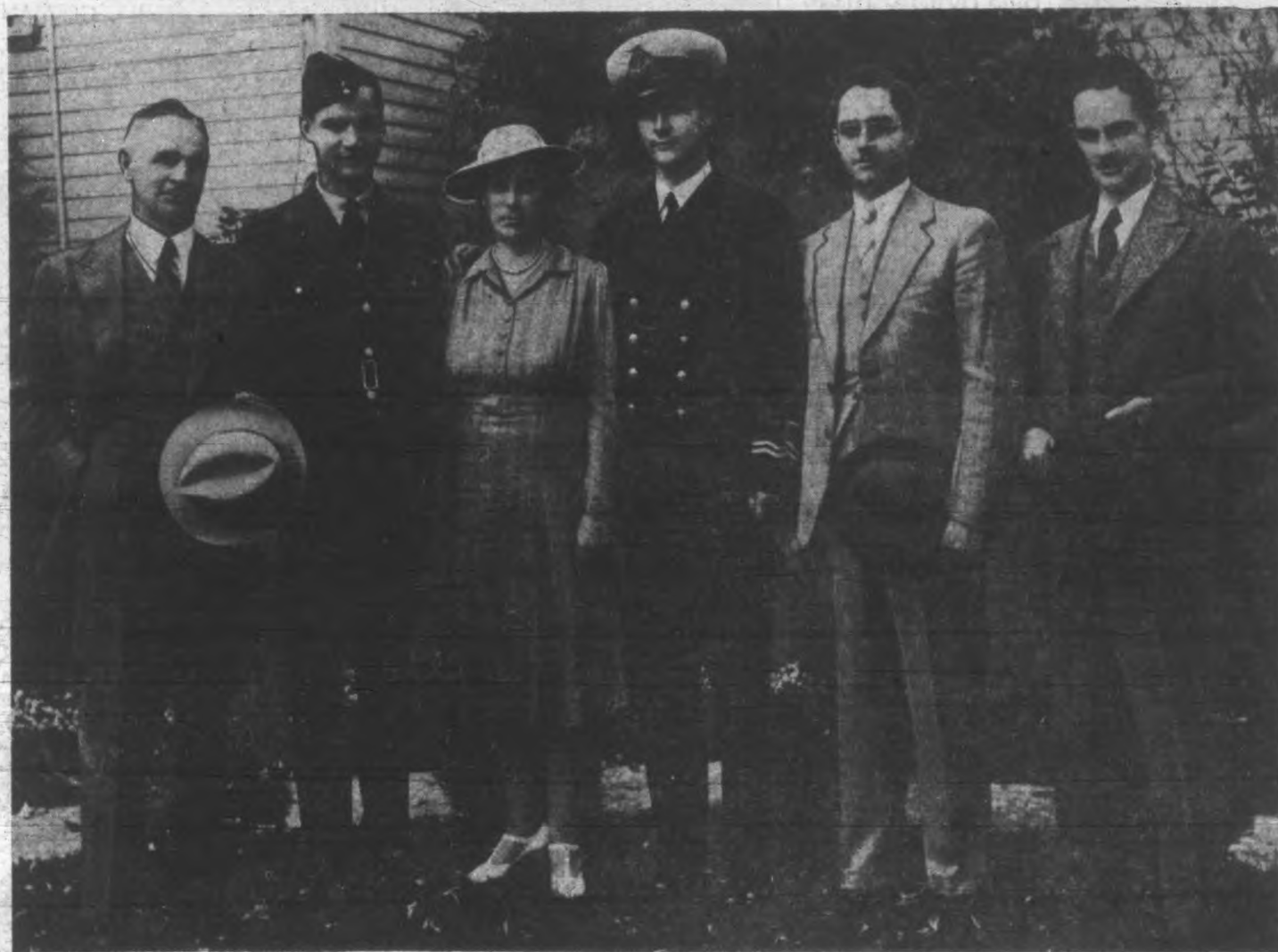
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The Bracken Family



Family group of the new leader of the newly named Progressive Conservative Party, shows, left to right: Hon. John Bracken, Flying Officer W. Gordon Bracken, one of the leader's four sons, now serving in Ceylon; Mrs. Bracken, Lieut. J. Bruce Bracken, Royal Canadian Navy, who lives with his wife at 2510 Cavendish Ave.; Dr. A. Douglas Bracken of Winnipeg, and George M. Bracken of Montreal.

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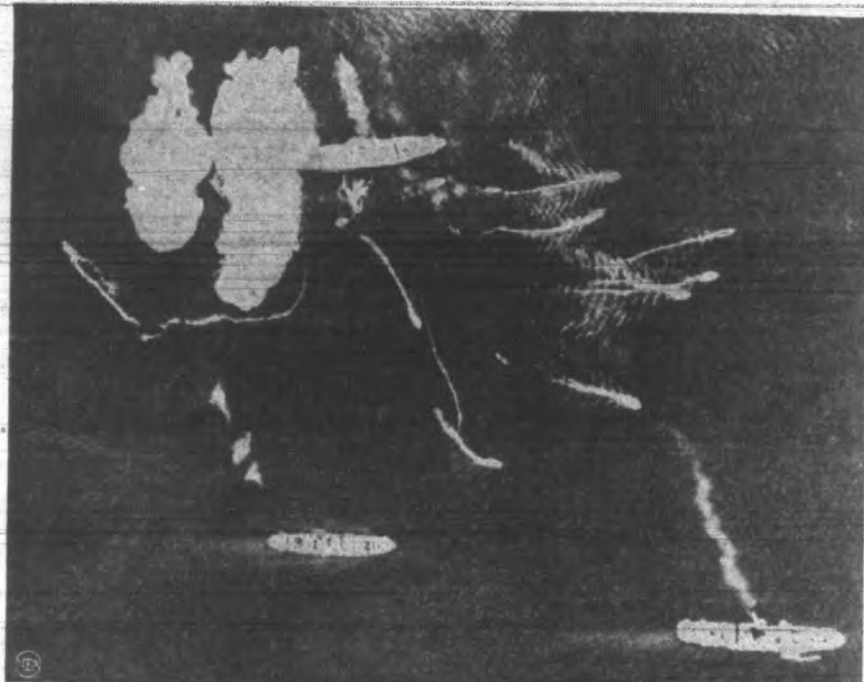
Always the actor, Cheta, chimpanzee of the Tarzan films, cuts loose with a blood curdler when told that salary limitations may mean fewer peanuts to be eaten next year.

Soldier's Sweethearts



But there will be no jealousy, for Lieut. Owen Ward's sweethearts are Pamela Ann, his month-old daughter, and Mrs. Ward, the former Brenda Joyce, of the films.

Bomb . . . Bomb!



Japanese landing barges scurry away from a flaming transport, just hit by a U.S. bomb during action off Guadalcanal.

Barbarian Behind Bars



British Tommy, in North African desert town, is justified in pausing to gloat over fate of Hitler's picture. (Passed by censor).

'E' for Exterminated



Shaded by a demolished Nazi tank, this grave, topped by helmet and rude cross, about which hangs an identification tag, marks the last resting place of a German desert soldier. "E" on tank means it has been completely "exterminated" and contains no explosives to act as "booby trap" for unwary Allied soldiers.

He Lost



Moustached French commander of Moroccan shore battery, destroyed by naval fire when U.S. troops landed at Safi, seems well pleased by outcome of fray.

Oh Boy, Girls!



These American nurses, among the first to arrive in the Middle East, are given a royal welcome by a British officer and a newspaperman, who looks as though he might be interested in obtaining some desert phone numbers.